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All Lake Michigan College campuses and classes will be closed to students and non-essential staff Friday due to concerns related to the COVID-19 virus. The college will move to online classes, where possible, for several weeks, and it hopes to resume its normal schedule April 13.

LMC, SMC, Andrews alter schedules due to virus concerns

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

Concerns over the potential spread of the COVID-19 virus have led all three area institutions of higher learning to alter their class offerings and move to online courses, to varying degrees, in the wake of Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declaring a state of emergency earlier this week.

Andrews University officials posted news of their switch to "distance learning" on the university website Wednesday. Meanwhile, Lake Michigan College officials announced Thursday they will suspend on-campus classes and cancel large community events at the Mendel Center. Similarly, Southwestern Michigan College will switch to delivering classes online until at

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A man walks into the Hanson Technology Center on the campus of Lake Michigan College Thursday afternoon. LMC, like most colleges and universities, is altering its schedule over coronavirus concerns.

Blossomtime, other events postponed or canceled across Southwest Mich.

By ALEXANDRA NEWMAN
HP Staff Writer

Organizations and groups around Southwest Michigan are preparing for the potential spread of the coronavirus/COVID-19 by postponing or canceling events that could expose people to potential carriers.

Included among the postponements is this weekend's planned Blossomtime pageant festivities, which were set for Sunday and Monday night.

Blossomtime President Anna Abdelnour reported in a news release that the Mr. Blossomtime contest, Showcase of Queens and Miss Blossomtime contest have all been postponed.

"We support and respect Lake Michigan College's decision to close the college and the Mendel Center," Abdelnour said. "At this time, the (contests) will be postponed temporarily ... to help keep you and your loved ones safe. The Blossomtime Festival takes our responsibilities seriously and please do know a plan of action will be coming soon with an alternate date and more information."

The United Way of Southwest Michigan also canceled its event at the Mendel Center, set for March 19.

It noted in a news release that its annual celebration will now take place in a

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Whitmer orders K-12 schools closed, starting Monday

Order to be lifted on April 5

By HP STAFF

LANSING — Gov. Gretchen Whitmer announced late Thursday evening that she is ordering the closure of all K-12 school buildings, public, private and boarding, to students, starting Monday. Schools will remain closed until Sunday, April 5.

She issued the order with the goal of slowing the spread of COVID-19, caused by the novel coronavirus, that is causing mass disruptions to all walks of life across America.

"This is a necessary step to protect our kids, our families, and our overall public health," Whitmer said in a news release. "I am working with partners across state government to ensure educators, parents, and students have the support they need during this time, and to ensure our children who rely on school for meals have access to food. I know this will be a tough time, but we're doing this to keep the most people we can safe. I urge everyone to make smart choices during this time and to do everything they can to

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Americans adjust to new life, hunker down amid coronavirus

By MICHELLE R. SMITH and GILLIAN FLACCUS
Associated Press

Workers lost their jobs, parents came up with impromptu home lesson plans for children kept home from shuttered schools. Families fretted over dwindling retirements accounts, the health of elderly parents, and every cough and sneeze in their midst.

Millions of people settled into new and disrupted routines Thursday as the coronavirus began to uproot almost every facet of American life.

The spate of event cancellations that drove home the gravity of the outbreak a day earlier only intensified Thursday, with Disney shutting down theme parks, the NCAA calling off March Madness and Broadway theaters closing their doors in Manhattan. All the major professional sports announced they are halting play, and officials ordered a shutdown of every school in the state of Ohio for three weeks.

And with the cascade of closures, a new reality set in for American households.

In the Pacific Northwest, parents scrambled to devise homeschooling using library books or apps. Others, desperate to get to work, jumped on social media boards to seek child care or exchange tips about available babysitters.

Parents rushed to college campuses and drove away with their children's belongings and bags of their clothing. College officials scrambled to pay for plane tickets home for others.

A mother in Seattle organized small outdoor play dates where the kids are told not to

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Judie Shape, center, who has tested positive for the coronavirus, blows a kiss to her son-in-law, Michael Spencer, left, as Shape's daughter, Lori Spencer, right, looks on as they visit on the phone and look at each other through a window at the Life Care Center Wednesday in Kirkland, Wash.

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Debate moves from Phoenix to DC over coronavirus concerns

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Democratic National Committee is moving Sunday's presidential debate from Arizona to Washington because of concerns about the coronavirus.

The party had already announced that the debate between Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders would be held without a live audience. Now the location is changing over concerns about cross-country travel.

In addition, Univision anchor Jorge Ramos no longer will moderate the debate because he was in proximity to a person who was in direct contact with another individual who tested positive for the virus. The DNC says Ramos is not symptomatic.

The debate will be the first one-on-one contest between Biden and Sanders.

The coronavirus has already disrupted other aspects of the presidential campaign, with the Democratic contenders and President Donald Trump canceling rallies on the advice of public health officials who have cautioned against people attending large events.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia. The vast majority of people recover from the new virus.

Sanders is 78, while Biden is 77. The president is 73.

Man pleads guilty in slaying near Mich. lake

TRAVERSE CITY (AP) — A former California man pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in the slaying of a homeless man in northern Michigan.

Joshua Vandehoef entered his plea Thursday in 13th Circuit Court, according to the Traverse City Record-Eagle. Sentencing is scheduled for April 24.

The body of James Chisholm, 62, was found May 29 by hikers about 15 yards from Boardman Lake in Traverse City. His throat had been slashed.

Police believe Chisholm had been in the area about three weeks. He had been living in a tent.

Vandehoef, 19, was arrested in July.

GPS readings from Vandehoef's phone put him within meters of where Chisholm's body was found, the newspaper reported.

TV station WWTV, citing court documents, had reported that Vandehoef admitted his role to someone on Snapchat and said he walked home and washed blood off himself.

LOTTERIES

Thursday drawings

Michigan
Poker Lotto
KD-9C-10C-8D-5S
Midday Daily 3
8-4-0
Midday Daily 4
7-4-6-4
Daily 3
1-9-1
Daily 4
5-7-4-4
Fantasy 5
04-10-12-33-38
Keno
01-03-04-07-13-14-17-30-37-39-43-46-50-53-55-65-66-67-68-72-77-78
Mega Millions jackpot
$80 million
Powerball jackpot
$120 million

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Powerball
04-29-49-50-67, Powerball: 2, Power Play: 4
Indiana
Cash 5
05-10-11-19-43
Estimated jackpot
$155,500
Cash4Life
08-25-35-54-58, Cash Ball: 2
Lotto Plus
05-25-27-39-43-45
Quick Draw Midday
05-15-19-23-25-26-27-28-34-38-40-43-46-49-51-61-63-70-71-78, BE: 25
Daily Three-Midday
5-9-3, SB: 0
Daily Three-Evening
8-0-6, SB: 8
Daily Four-Midday
0-4-9-7, SB: 0
Daily Four-Evening
9-9-1-0, SB: 8
Quick Draw Evening
03-14-21-23-30-34-35-36-37-40-49-50-53-55-56-61-62-65-67-80, BE: 62
Hoosier Lotto
11-14-16-20-38-41

Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
13-14-28-29-43
Pick Three-Midday
6-6-5, Fireball: 6
Pick Three-Evening
3-6-0, Fireball: 1
Pick Four-Midday
0-5-3-8, Fireball: 9
Pick Four-Evening
1-1-2-1, Fireball: 4

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Fleeing Maduro, Venezuelans find nightmare in Trump's jails

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Venezuelan Kamal Morales discusses the plight of his Venezuelan boyfriend Gustavo Acosta during a Feb. 28 interview in New York. Morales' boyfriend has spent the past year moving around U.S. immigrant detention centers in the deep south after they crossed the Mexico-U.S. border together to apply for asylum.

MIAMI — When Jose Ramon Zambrano and his pregnant wife crossed the Rio Grande to apply for asylum in the U.S., they were looking for a fresh start far away from a certain arrest in his native Venezuela, where his mother is a prominent government opponent.

Instead, he spent six months locked up in Texas, separated from a newborn son.

"Crossing the border in search of protection isn't a crime," Zambrano said from a detention center near Houston. "We do it because we need to."

Zambrano is one of hundreds of Venezuelans fleeing the socialist regime of Nicolás Maduro and showing up at the U.S.-Mexico border in larger numbers in recent months, only to encounter President Donald Trump's hard-line immigration policies.

But unlike even larger waves of migrants from Mexico and Central America, the Venezuelans at the border have put the Trump administration in a tight spot.

Most of them have been jailed for extended periods or sent back to Mexico to languish in dangerous border towns while awaiting their immigration cases in the U.S., despite proclamations from the Trump administration that it supports people escaping brutal conditions under Maduro.

While Trump has been leading the campaign to oust Maduro – praising opposition leader Juan Guaidó as a "very brave man who carries with him the hopes, dreams and aspirations of all Venezuelans" as his guest at the State of the Union address – critics say he's done little to shield Venezuelans from his immigration policies.

Specifically, he's rejected calls by Democrats and even some Republican allies like Florida Sen. Marco Rubio to grant humanitarian protections to those escaping political and economic turmoil.

"Venezuelans come to the US seeking security, and although many find it, others encounter a new nightmare and are met with detention," said Julio Henriquez, a Boston-based immigration lawyer from Venezuela who handles asylum cases for his compatriots. "It's a very different narrative than the one about Trump's support for the victims of Maduro."

Nationwide some 850 Venezuelans remain behind bars, held in detention centers as the Trump administration has no way of handing them over to the heavily-sanctioned socialist government of Maduro, which it no longer recognizes. More than 2,000 were returned across the border as part of the Trump administration's "Remain in Mexico" program.

The number of Venezuelans entering the U.S. is rising as part of a mass wave that has seen almost 5 million leave the oil rich-nation, the bulk to neighboring Latin American countries. Although many are fleeing economic chaos, not political persecution, the United Nations has urged countries to grant them refugee status.

In the past year, Venezuelans have made up 30 percent of all 82,807 asylum claims lodged by people who were not in deportation proceedings. Arrests of Venezuelans for entering the country illegally on the Mexican border spiked to 2,202 during the 2019 fiscal year that ended Sept. 30, up from 62 during the previous 12-month period, according to Customs and Border Protection. Venezuelans are also among the nationalities with the highest number of people who overstay their visas.

The issue has become a political hot potato for Guaidó as well.

Critics say Guaidó, whom Trump recognizes as Venezuela's rightful leader, is covering for the U.S. president so as not to risk valuable political support in his sputtering, year-old campaign against Maduro. They point out that Guaidó didn't publicly raise the issue in his recent week-long trip to the U.S.

"The job of a government is to take care of its citizens, not make political favors," said Edinson Calderon, a LGBTQ immigrant activist in New York who fled Venezuela in 2015 after being tortured by security forces who brutally quashed anti-government protests.

Like most migrants, Calderon was at first an enthusiastic supporter of Guaidó, hoping the young lawmaker could pave the way for him to return home and be reunited with his mother, whom he hasn't seen in five years.

But he's since turned into a fierce critic, appearing on the talk show of Patricia Poleo, a journalist popular with hardliner exiles in Miami, to denounce what he considers Guaido's neglect of detainees, some of whom have been held for 18 months.

Among the more than 208 detainees cases he's documented is that of a 65-year-old pizza parlor owner who received death threats after feeding pro-government vigilantes. He's also found five inmates who are HIV positive and complained of not receiving proper medical treatment.

Like Zambrano, all of them have deportation orders. But with all flights to Venezuela banned since May, they are unlikely to be removed any time soon. Meanwhile, they remain in jail, in a sort of legal limbo, suffering what they say is frequent verbal abuse by guards.

On Saturday, a group of some 50 exiles responding to a call by Poleo gathered at an arepa stand in the Miami suburb of Doral to write letters to Venezuelan prisoners. One by one, they pulled the names and federal inmate numbers of their compatriots out of a hat at random.

Guaido's small team in Washington has argued it's doing all it can to assist detainees and block their eventual deportation without interfering in what are sovereign U.S. migration proceedings. They claim that as a result of their involvement, the number of detainees has declined from a peak of 1,300 last year.

This month, Carlos Vecchio, who is recognized by the U.S. as Venezuela's ambassador, began visiting detention centers around the country, hearing firsthand the dramatic tales of Venezuelan prisoners who had been forced to leave their homes.

"At the end of the day we're all victims," said Vecchio, who fled Venezuela himself to escape what were widely seen as made-up charges of inciting violence during 2014 anti-government protests. "All that we Venezuelans are suffering has a cause: the dictatorship of Nicolas Maduro, which has forced millions of Venezuelans to leave their country."

Still, the outlook for some sort of protection is bleak.

Despite having urged Americans to avoid travel to Venezuela, and frequent criticism of Maduro's human rights record, the Trump administration deported 327 Venezuelans last year, according to ICE. With the flight ban in place, most are being carried out through third countries. Meanwhile, the length of detention for Venezuelans is growing longer, to an average 82 days from 56 in 2019.

Trump in 2019 also tried to end so-called temporary protected status past U.S. administrations have provided to 400,000 immigrants from El Salvador, Honduras and Haiti fleeing catastrophic events like natural disasters.

Pentagon: U.S. strikes Iran-backed group that attacked Iraq base

By LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. launched airstrikes Thursday in Iraq, targeting the Iranian-backed Shia militia members believed responsible for the rocket attack that killed and wounded American and British troops at a base north of Baghdad, the Pentagon said..

U.S. officials said multiple strikes by U.S. fighter jets hit five locations and mainly targeted Kataib Hezbollah weapons facilities inside Iraq. A Defense Department statement said the strikes targeted five weapons storage facilities "to significantly degrade their ability to conduct future attacks."

The strikes marked a rapid escalation in tensions with Tehran and its proxy groups in Iraq, just two months after Iran carried out a massive ballistic missile attack against American troops at a base in Iraq. They came just hours after top U.S. defense leaders threatened retaliation for the Wednesday rocket attack, making clear that they knew who did it and that the attackers would be held accountable.

"The United States will not tolerate attacks against our people, our interests, or our allies," Defense Secretary Mark Esper said. "As we have demonstrated in recent months, we will take any action necessary to protect our forces in Iraq and the region."

The Pentagon statement said the facilities hit in the precision strikes were used to store weapons used to target the U.S. and coalition forces. It called the counterattack "defensive, proportional and in direct response to the threat" posed by the Iranian-backed Shia militia groups.

U.S. officials said the locations of the strikes were largely around the Baghdad region. One U.S. official said there were two strikes at Jurf al-Sakher, one in Karbala, one at Al-Musayib, and one at Arab Nawar Ahmad. The official said the U.S. expected casualties would be lower than 50, and said the main effort was to hit the weapons.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because some details about the operations had not yet been made public.

An official with the paramilitary Popular Mobilization Units told The Associated Press that two Iraqi federal police personnel were killed in Jurf al-Sakher. An Iraqi military statement said the aerial "aggression" occurred at 1:15 a.m. in the areas of Jurf al-Sakher, Al-Musayib, Najaf and Alexandria on the headquarters of the Popular Mobilization Units, emergency regiments and commandos of the 9th division of the Iraqi army.

Esper told reporters at the Pentagon earlier Thursday that President Donald Trump had given him the authority to take whatever action he deemed necessary.

"We're going to take this one step at a time, but we've got to hold the perpetrators accountable," Esper said. "You don't get to shoot at our bases and kill and wound Americans and get away with it."

At the White House, Trump had also hinted that a U.S. counterpunch could be coming, telling reporters, "We'll see what the response is." And Army Gen. Mark Milley, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told Pentagon reporters the U.S. knows "with a high degree of certainty" who launched the attack.

On Capitol Hill earlier in the day, Marine Gen. Frank McKenzie, the top U.S. commander for the Middle East, told senators the deaths of U.S. and coalition troops created a "red line" for the U.S., but said he didn't think Iran has "a good understanding of where our red line is."

Asked if any counterattack could include a strike inside Iran, Esper said, "We are focused on the group that we believe perpetrated this in Iraq."

Two U.S. troops and one British service member were killed and 14 other personnel were wounded when 18 rockets hit the base Wednesday. The U.S. military said the 107 mm Katyusha rockets were fired from a truck launcher that was found by Iraqi security forces near the base after the attack.

U.S. officials have not publicly said what group they believe launched the rocket attack, but Kataib Hezbollah, an Iranian-backed Shia militia group, was the likely perpetrator. And the U.S. strikes, which came in the middle of the night in Iraq, targeted that group.

Kataib Hezbollah was responsible for a late December rocket attack on a military base in Kirkuk that killed a U.S. contractor, prompting American military strikes in response.

That in turn led to protests at the U.S. Embassy in Baghdad. They were followed Jan. 3 by a U.S. airstrike that killed Iran's most powerful military officer, Gen. Qassem Soleimani, and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, a leader of the Iran-backed militias in Iraq, of which Kataib Hezbollah is a member. In response to the Soleimani killing, Iran launched a massive ballistic missile attack on Jan. 8, at al-Asad air base in Iraq, that resulted in traumatic brain injuries to more than 100 American troops.

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Abbatoy testifies on his behalf at hearing

His fate now rests in judge's hands

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Mark Abbatoy told a Berrien County judge Thursday that his mother was caring, loving and affectionate and his father was "quiet in the background." He said his childhood was "happy, for the most part."

But testifying in Berrien County Trial Court, Abbatoy also told the court he was sexually abused as a child by a step-great-grandfather and an older brother. He said he was spanked by his mother once or twice a day between the age of 7 and 13, and that he ran away from their Bridgman home several times because "I felt like I wasn't safe ... it was horrible."

ABBATOY

Abbatoy said one day, his father bashed him on the head with a guitar until it broke, then hit him on the head with a rifle, then threw a knife at him. He said his brother beat him up because he said he was going to tell their parents about the sexual abuse.

Abbatoy, 40, was testifying during a hearing to determine whether he will ever get out of prison. He was 17 when he and his friend, Anthony DePalma, also 17 at the time, beat to death DePalma's mother, Connie DePalma, so they could steal her car and go to California. Both were convicted of first degree murder in the May 7, 1997, homicide, and were handed the then-mandatory sentence of life in prison without parole.

The U.S. Supreme Court, in the 2012 case of Miller vs. Alabama, ruled that automatic sentence unconstitutional for any defendant under age 18, and in 2016 made the ruling retroactive. So prison inmates who were sentenced to life without parole as juveniles can be re-sentenced. The sentencing judge has the discretion to re-sentence to life without parole or sentence to a term of years.

Abbatoy, who has spent 23 years in prison for the murder of Connie DePalma, had his Miller hearing in Berrien County Wednesday and Thursday. At the conclusion of testimony Thursday, Judge Charles LaSata told lawyers to submit their written arguments to him within 45 days, then he will set a date for sentencing.

DePalma's Miller hearing was in December and Berrien County Judge Sterling Schrock ruled that he will re-sentence him March 27 to some term of years. DePalma testified during his hearing that although Abbatoy delivered all the blows to his mother's head, it was his idea and "Mark would not have done this without me."

One of the factors a judge takes into consideration is admission of guilt and the taking of responsibility for one's actions. Other factors, besides the facts of the crime, include family background, educational background, behavior in prison, potential for being rehabilitated and mental health issues. According to

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TESTING THE WATERS

Don Campbell / HP staff

Fishermen try their luck along Lions Park Beach in St. Joseph on Wednesday afternoon.

HP wins 11 awards from Michigan Press Association

By HP STAFF

Though COVID-19 canceled the Michigan Press Association's annual conference, that didn't stop it from giving several awards to The Herald-Palladium on Thursday.

The paper received 11 journalism awards in the MPA's 2019 Better Newspaper Contest.

HP reporters, photographers and editors received three first-place awards, two second-place awards, two third-place awards and four honorable mention awards in MPA's class C.

First-place award winners

Tony Wittkowski – Business/Agriculture News for his Aug. 13, 2018, story, "The pain of the Great Recession," about how area businesses are fairing 10 years after The Great Recession.

Don Campbell – Sports Photo for his May 11, 2019, photo "Safe at home" of Niles baseball's Ethan Alkire leaping over Lakeshore catcher Koby Sherwood to score during a game at Lakeshore High School.

Kate Genellie Kohs and Andy Steinke – Page or Pages Design for their Feb. 17, 2019, Oscars spread.

Second place

Louise Wrege – Spot News Story for her extensive reporting about Benton Harbor Area Schools fighting to stay open during spring and summer 2019.

HP Staff – Best Newspaper Design for our Feb. 24, 2019, issue.

Third place

Campbell – Sports Photo for his Sept. 14, 2018, photo "Smoky start" of Lakeshore football players taking the field for a Friday night football game against St. Joseph at Lakeshore High School.

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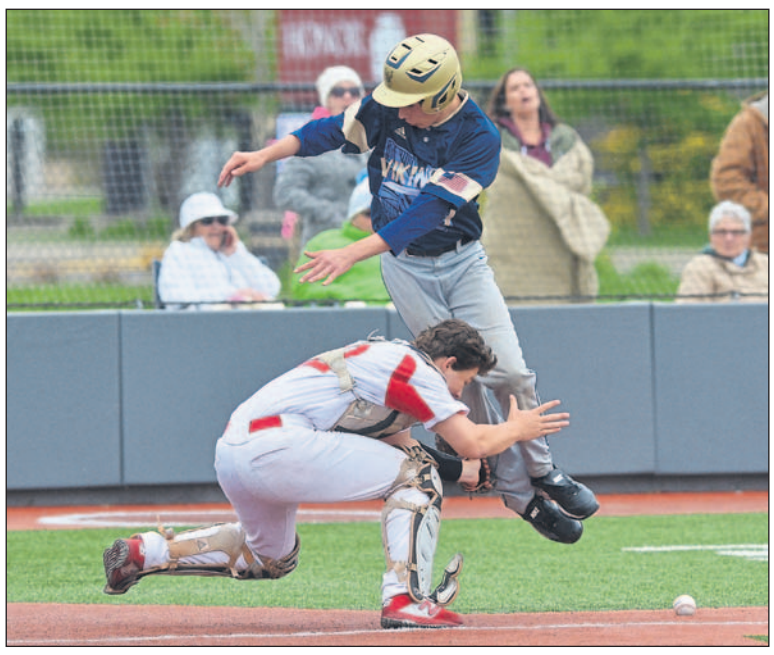
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Niles' Ethan Alkire leaps over Lakeshore catcher Koby Sherwood and scores during a game at Lakeshore High School.

New director to give BC Historical Association/museum a makeover

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

BERRIEN SPRINGS — New programming giving visitors meaningful and exciting experiences is on the way to the History Center at Courthouse Square in Berrien Springs.

"We are making a significant number of changes there, all for the better," said Executive Director Rhiannon Cizon, who took over in August, during a the Berrien County Board of Commissioners meeting Thursday.

One thing that needs to be streamlined is the identity of the museum, which is operated by the Berrien County Historical Association (BCHA). She said the museum is called many things, including the History Center at Courthouse Square, the 1839 Courthouse and the Historical Courthouse County Park.

Photo provided / Berrien County Historical Association

The gift shop at the History Center at Courthouse Square in Berrien Springs received a facelift after Executive Director Rhiannon Cizon took the lead in August.

"One of the issues is we don't know who we are," she said. "By creating these more cohesive looks, we can start engaging and let people know who we are so they don't see everything under the sun except BCHA."

She said the logo – the History Center at Courthouse Square – doesn't identify what the museum is about.

"In fact, when I applied for the job, I didn't realize it was the Berrien County Historical Association," she said. "I thought it was the Berrien Springs Historical Association."

Another problem is that the museum is made up of several buildings, not just the 1839 Courthouse. Those other buildings include the 1830 Murdock Log House and Bennett's Forge, the 1860/1873 Records Building and the 1870 Sheriff's Residence and Jail.

She said she is still working with the association's board of

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Oronoko trustees kick around marketing ideas

By DEBRA HAIGHT
HP Correspondent

BERRIEN SPRINGS — Oronoko Township Board members are still undecided about what marketing and branding they want to do after a contract with an area radio station ends this month. Members discussed possible actions at Thursday's monthly meeting but did not reach a consensus.

Township Supervisor Mike Hildebrand noted that the village of Berrien Springs hired a digital and social media firm earlier this year and Berrien Township has decided to not spend money on marketing and branding this year. The two townships and the village had hired Midwest Family Broadcasting to develop a new brand for the area in 2017.

Hildebrand asked board members to consider a number of options including going along with the village which hired Sunset Coast Media to develop a new website and do social media marketing. The township could also sign back up with Midwest Family Broadcasting for either award sponsorships or partner with Pat Moody to do targeted marketing.

"We could partner with Pat Moody to do targeted marketing of Berrien Springs and Oronoko Township," Hildebrand said. "It would be a sort of pay to play and use his Facebook and media presence. He'd do articles on our behalf and perhaps a monthly video with targeted conversations."

He boiled down the township's options to working with the village in their effort, working with Moody, doing both, or doing nothing. He said the township has $5,000 budgeted for marketing and branding in 2020 but some of that will be spent on the cost of the Midwest Family Broadcasting ads that end this month.

Township Treasurer Larry Schalk asked whether anyone had seen benefits from the Midwest Family Broadcasting ads and the "Berrien Springs: Ripe for the Picking" branding.

"That's one of the questions the village asked," Hildebrand said. "Can we measure an increase in community pride, an increase in community awareness and whether it's drawn new businesses to the area? … It's hard to measure how the ads impacted the community."

While Trustee Marc Kerlikowske favors trying out a partnership with Moody, whose media presence is measurable and has a loyal following, Clerk Suzanne Renton said she'd rather wait to see how much the township has left in its marketing and branding budget after the current ads are paid.

Also Thursday, board members moved ahead with efforts related to the Honor Credit Union expansion project on Edgewood Court. The credit union is looking to expand its operations center and is partnering with the township to pay for the nearly $1 million

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10 new COVID-19 cases in Michigan

By BETH LEBLANC
The Detroit News

Michigan confirmed Thursday night that 10 new individuals have tested positive for coronavirus, bringing the statewide total to 12.

The new cases are spread between Ingham, Kent, Montcalm, Oakland, St. Clair and Washtenaw counties, the state health department announced late Thursday.

The cases include:

■ An adult female from Ingham County with history of travel on a cruise.

■ Two adult females from Kent County and one adult male, all with history of international travel.

■ An adult female from Montcalm County with history of international travel.

■ Two adult males from Oakland County; one with no travel history and one with domestic travel.

■ One adult female and one adult male from Washtenaw County; one with history of domestic travel and one with history of international travel.

■ A middle-aged man associated with the presumptive positive case in St. Clair County had a history of domestic travel and is in stable condition at his home, where he is isolated. The man "took proper precautions" and had "minimal contact" with others.

If samples test positive at the state's lab, it's called a "presumptive positive" until results are confirmed by further testing at the CDC's laboratory in Atlanta.

One of the first cases confirmed Tuesday involved a Livonia man, the city announced Thursday. He is isolated within University Hospital in Ann Arbor and had a history of recent domestic travel.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer declared a state of emergency Tuesday night after announcing the first two cases, which involved the Livonian man and an Oakland County woman who had tested presumptively positive for COVID-19.

The state so far has approved testing for 135 people. Ninety-seven have tested negative and 26 are still pending, meaning the state lab is waiting to receive the samples from the counties.

About 554 people have been referred for assessment or monitoring, and 172 remain under active monitoring. On Thursday, Detroit Mayor Mike Duggan held a news conference to confirm that two Utah Jazz players who tested positive for COVID-19 stayed at a downtown Detroit hotel. Officials later confirmed it was the Westin Book Cadillac hotel.

Michigan approves $25M to fight virus; tournaments suspended

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING, Mich. — The Michigan Legislature on Thursday approved the spending of up to $25 million to combat the new coronavirus, and some K-12 schools began announcing weekslong closures while others began training staff in case districts move to online learning.

The supplemental budget bill, which Gov. Gretchen Whitmer will sign, will allocate $10 million to state agencies for preparedness and response to COVID-19. Michigan had three confirmed cases as of Thursday night, according to figures posted on a state website. No details on the third, newest case were immediately released.

Meanwhile, the Michigan High School Athletic Association suspended winter sports tournaments indefinitely. The state Capitol suspended tours and events through May 1. Whitmer this week recommended the cancellation or postponement of events with more than 100 people in a shared space.

"This is a true and real public health crisis at the time, and we need to do what we can to help slow and mitigate the spread of this virus," said Mark Uyl, executive director of the athletic association.

The state funding may cover monitoring, lab testing, contact tracing and infection control. An additional $15 million will be set aside in a new coronavirus response fund and can be appropriated later. The legislation also will authorize the the state to spend up to $50 million in federal coronavirus funding.

The state Department of Health and Human Services said Thursday it can test about 1,300 people, up from 300 last week. The state had conducted 120 tests as of Wednesday. Ninety-one were negative, two were positive and the results of 27 tests were pending .

Dr. Joneigh Khaldun, the state's chief medical executive and chief deputy health director, told lawmakers that there is no backlog at the state lab and that some private labs had come online with COVID-19 testing.

"We've known it was coming. But the idea is if you slow it enough, you can prepare your public health systems, we can prepare the community, and we can make sure our health care system, our hospitals, are not inundated with very sick patients," she said.

For most people, the new coronavirus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illness, including pneumonia. The vast majority of people recover from the new virus.

The state Senate will curtail how often it meets while both it and the House will allow staff over age 60 or with underlying health conditions to work from home. Legislators also began introducing coronavirus policy bills, including to remove cost barriers to testing and treatment and to strengthen a law that restricts businesses from price "gouging" on essential items during an emergency.

Several school districts in Washtenaw County, including Ann Arbor, said they will close for at least three weeks.

Detroit-area districts, including Rochester, West Bloomfield, Birmingham and Grosse Pointe, briefly closed or said they will close to prepare teachers for possible online instruction in the days ahead. All of Michigan's 15 public universities are shifting to online classes or other methods for a few weeks or longer.

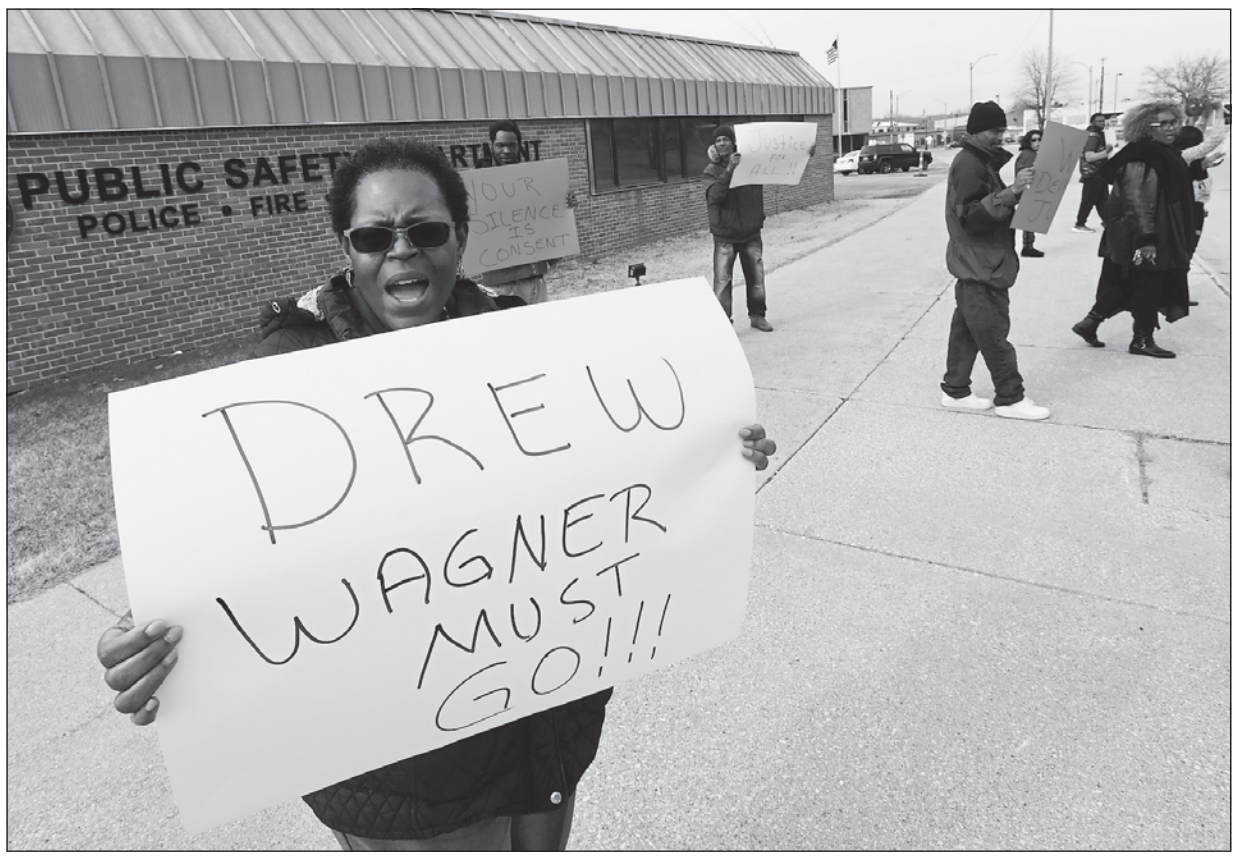
In Kent County, home to Grand Rapids, K-12 schools remained open, although field trips, large gatherings and performing arts involving more than 100 people were canceled.

With no COVID-19 cases in the Grand Rapids area, "there's not a lot of benefit" to closing schools, said Joann Hoganson, county director of community wellness.

Catholic schools in southeastern Michigan will be closed Friday and Monday for "deep cleaning," but weekend Masses will not be canceled, the Detroit Archdiocese said.

The Detroit Symphony Orchestra canceled four days of performances of Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana." But its online video archive will be available for free, starting Friday, at dso.org/live "so that we can continue to share the gift of music," president Anne Parsons said.

PROTEST IN BENTON HARBOR



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Michelle Evans, mother of Michael Thompson, joins several people as they protest the continued employment of officer Drew Wagner, outside the Benton Harbor Department of Public Safety on Thursday afternoon. Video of the December arrest surfaced in February showing Wagner hitting Thompson in the head with his fist three times after chasing him around gas pumps at the May Street Market and using a Taser on him twice. Benton Harbor Public Safety Director Dan McGinnis said it was an acceptable use of force because Thompson was continuing to resist arrest by pulling the Taser probes out of his back. Protesters said the punching was unacceptable.

Mich. OKs spending for tuition aid and tourism

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — The Michigan Legislature on Thursday approved $312 million in spending to provide financial assistance for adults age 25 and older to attend community college and partially revive the state's tourism campaign.

The supplemental bill won bipartisan approval, 36-2 in the Senate and 101-6 in the House. Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer will sign the legislation.

Some of the money will partly or fully restore funding that Whitmer vetoed last fall amid a budget impasse with the Republican-led Legislature over fixing roads.

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testimony in Abbatoy's hearing, he was diagnosed with bi-polar disorder as a child, but his parents declined to have him treated with medication. Over the years in prison, he has been given medications and sometimes refused to take them.

Dr. Michael Karlek, a prison psychiatrist, testified that Abbatoy has been in his care for the past few years, is taking his medication and is doing well. He said he is no longer resistant to treatment.

"His symptoms are relatively under control. I'm pleased," Karlek said. He added, however, that Abbatoy is required to take his medications, based on past refusal. He said if Abbatoy is released from prison, it will be important for his continued treatment to be monitored.

"He's made significant changes the last couple of years. I've seen him as reserved, with a small circle of friends. He stays to himself and avoids conflict. He's very aware of wanting to avoid trouble," Karlek told the court.

Under questioning by Taryn Lewis, one of Abbatoy's lawyers, Karlek said he does not believe Abbatoy's behavior has improved just because of the Miller ruling and the possibility of release from prison.

"I don't think so. I think he's behaving better because he is better," the doctor said.

Abbatoy told the court that the night of May 7, 1997, he and DePalma went to DePalma's house and stole money and his mother's car keys, then went to Chicken Coop. There, he said, "Tony devised a plan to knock her out and steal the car. It was his plan."

"We went back to her house and that's when everything went crazy. I hit Mrs. DePalma three times downstairs, and at least 10 more times upstairs until she passed out. Tony said 'finish her off.' I handed him the shovel. He went upstairs and I went downstairs. She was upstairs, and she was still breathing," Abbatoy testified. "When I found out she was dead my whole world turned upside down."

In cross-examination, Berrien Assistant Prosecutor Cortney O'Malley-Septoski asked Abbatoy why he never told the police that DePalma had also hit his mother.

"I didn't know," he replied. He said another prison inmate one day told him that "Tony said that he was the one. He said he killed his mother and Mark thinks he did it."

Abbatoy told the court, "Tony tricked me into thinking I murdered her."

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Honorable Mentions

Wittkowski – Business/Agriculture News for his March 24, 2019, story "Taking on the glass ceiling," about women business executives and the barriers they face.

Ben Sanders – Sports Feature for his Aug. 14, 2018, story "Beyond Basketball," about local athletes helping distribute food to the needy after basketball workouts.

Alexandra Newman – News Enterprise Reporting for her Dec. 23, 2018, story "Being transgender in Southwest Michigan," about what local transgender people face in their day to day lives.

Genellie Kohs – Feature Story for her May 8, 2019, "This is me" about a St. Joseph girl with a prosthetic leg who raised money for Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Center in Grand Rapids.

By Don Campbell / HP staff

Lakeshore takes the field for a Friday night football game against St. Joseph at Lakeshore High School.

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directors to finalize the new logo and identity.

Another goal is to get visitors involved.

"The idea is to create an experience that people are excited about," she said. "When people are excited about things and there's things to do, people keep coming back."

She said the museum is partnering with Andrews University in Berrien Springs to present music the on the fourth Sunday of each month during Meriendas at the Courthouse.

She said bringing in interesting experiences leads to another one of her goals – to increase the number of volunteers. When people are excited about the experiences they had at the museum, she said they are more likely to volunteer.

"We want to create a community of volunteers," she said. "We want people to enjoy coming out. If we have nothing to do, we have nothing to volunteer for."

She said people who would like to volunteer can contact Tara Velez, the new services coordinator, by calling 471-1202, or by emailing tvelez@berrienhistory.org.

After the meeting, she said they want to pair volunteers with something they enjoy doing.

For example, she said the Pioneer Garden needs to be gutted and expanded – a perfect job for volunteers who have green thumbs. Other volunteers may prefer folding calendars so they can be mailed out.

She told the commissioners that she is bringing back old events and planning new ones.

"An old-fashioned Fourth of July ice cream social in conjunction with the village of Berrien Springs is coming back," she said.

She said she created vendor and sponsorship forms for this event.

"In the past, nobody was doing anything like this," she said.

One of the new events she is planning will be on Sept. 17.

"We're going to do a big old party on the front lawn and utilize our grounds," she said.

She said the museum is also available for private events.

"We want to have rentals, weddings, receptions, fundraisers, parties, come on down, rent my building," she said.

In addition, she said they are now holding TNC Talk (Thursday Night at the Courthouse) on the second Thursday of each month throughout the year.

"Those were originally only in the summer," she said.

Cizon said she is also working with the board of directors on a strategic plan. She said previous strategic plans said things like the association will write a book every year.

"That is not a strategic plan, guys," she said. "That's a to-do list."

She said she is also applying for grants to fix up various areas of the museum.

Most importantly, she said she wanted the commissioners to know that the money they contribute to the museum is well spent.

"If you're giving $91,978, ... then I'm going to make sure all $91,978 looks like it is being properly invested," she said. "If you're going to invest in me, then I'm going to show you that investment is working."

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sewer extension project that takes sewer lines to the north side of the M-139/U.S. 31 interchange.

The board held a public hearing and then voted to establish a commercial rehabilitation district for that area. Honor is expected to come back in the next month or two to apply for a 10-year commercial rehabilitation tax abatement to help them pay for part of their costs.

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Red Cross asking for more blood donations

Low donor turnout due to coronavirus could hurt U.S. blood supply

The American Red Cross is strongly urging healthy, eligible people who are feeling well to give blood or platelets to help maintain a sufficient blood supply and prevent shortages as concerns about the outbreak of COVID-19 rise in the U.S.

Cold and flu season has already impacted the nation's ability to maintain its blood supply, according to a Red Cross news release. As the number of coronavirus cases grows in the U.S., the number of people eligible to give blood could decrease.

Donors can make an appointment by using the Red Cross Blood Donor App, by visiting www.redcrossblood.org, by calling 1-800-733-2767 or by enabling the Blood Donor Skill on any Amazon Echo device.

Donors with Type O blood and platelet donors are especially needed right now, according to the release.

There is no evidence that the new coronavirus can be transmitted by blood transfusion, and there have been no reported cases worldwide of transmissions for any respiratory virus, including this coronavirus, from a transfusion.

At each blood drive and donation center, Red Cross employees follow thorough safety protocols, including wearing gloves, routinely wiping down donor-touched areas, using sterile collection sets for donations, and preparing the arm for donation with an aseptic scrub.

Nonetheless, the Red Cross has implemented new blood donation deferrals out of an abundance of caution. Individuals are asked to postpone their donation for 28 days following:

■ Travel to China and its special administrative regions, Hong Kong and Macau, as well as Iran, Italy and South Korea.

■ Diagnosis of COVID-19, contact with a person who has or is suspected to have the virus.

As the situation evolves, the Red Cross will continue to evaluate all emerging risks in collaboration with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and industry partners to determine if additional intervention strategies are needed.

Here are upcoming blood drives in Southwest Michigan:

American Red Cross

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. Monday, Lawton Evangelical Church, 425 S. Nursery St., Lawton.

■ 11 a.m.-4:45 p.m. Wednesday, Caretel Inns of Lakeland, 3905 Lorraine Path, St. Joseph

■ Noon-5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Peace Evangelical Lutheran Church, 06321 Blue Star Memorial Highway, South Haven.

■ Noon-5:45 p.m. March 20, Hartford Bible Church, 65418 Red Arrow Highway, Hartford.

Versiti Blood Center

■ 9:30 a.m.-3 p.m. today, Marie Yeager Cancer Center, Kinney and Ward conference rooms, 3900 Hollywood Road, St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 7 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 2-6 p.m. Monday, Niles District Library, rotunda, 620 E. Main St., Niles.

■ Noon-7 p.m. Wednesday, Versiti Blood Center of Michigan, 2710 Cleveland Ave., St. Joseph.

■ 1-5 p.m. March 20, Best Buy, car audio bay, 1515 Orchards Crossing, Benton Harbor.

Donors must be at least 17 years old (16 with parental consent) and weigh at least 112 pounds.

Cindy Carcamo / Los Angeles Times / TNS

Natalia Guzman, co-owner of OC Fit in Tustin, Calif., wipes down equipment with disinfectant wipes.

How to protect yourself at the gym, one of the germiest places around

By GRACE DICKINSON
The Philadelphia Inquirer

PHILADELPHIA — Free weights have 362 times more bacteria than a toilet seat, according to a study performed by EmLab P&K, a finding that could bring sweat to your brow before you even launch into your first bicep curl – especially with the new coronavirus in mind.

In the wake of COVID-19, fitness centers are sending emails to members about prevention measures. Most include encouragement to stay home if you're feeling sick. There's also plenty of phrasing about amping up established disinfecting efforts.

"We've been instructing staff to wipe down basically anything that humans will touch – seats you sit on while waiting for class, extra wiping down of door knobs, mic sets for the instructors, etc.," says Mariah Ostia, studio manager of Flywheel Center City in Philadelphia.

Members are being asked to do their part, too.

"Avoid kissing, hugging, and the sharing of cups and water bottles," reads a Barry's Bootcamp email.

Add high-fiving to that list, says John Zurlo, Jefferson Health's division director of infectious disease. (His recommendation: celebratory elbow bumps instead.)

Wondering what else you can be doing to dodge germs at the gym? Zurlo shares some advice to practice on your next visit.

Topping the list: keep your hands away from your face.

"If you touch a surface where someone has sneezed, like a gym bench, and then rub your eye with your pinky finger, the virus could spread," Zurlo says. "Our nose, mouth and eyes have mucus membranes, and this is where respiratory infections like the coronavirus and the flu enter into the body."

Cue towels.

Carry two with you – one to spread across each machine and one to wipe sweat from your face. Just remember to remain conscious of what surfaces the fabric touches, and which sections are still clean. If needed, toss your towel mid-workout in exchange for a new one.

Tissues work as barriers, too, and are especially useful in situations where a towel might feel clunky. Need to adjust sweaty glasses or scratch an itchy nose? Those are prime jobs for a Kleenex.

Likewise, grab a tissue or paper towel to avoid hand contact with water fountain handles. And when you go in for a drink, do so with care.

"It seems like common sense, but try not to touch your cheek to any part of the metal on the water fountain," Zurlo says. "You could also let the water run for a few seconds."

Since running to the bathroom sink in between every gym machine isn't realistic, Zurlo suggests using water breaks as reminders to get those hands clean.

"Probably more so than the soap, rinsing for the full 20 seconds is crucial," Zurlo says of hand-washing.

Twenty seconds: it's roughly the amount of time it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice. Or, as noted in a list by the Los Angeles Times, the chorus of Lizzo's "Truth Hurts," Toto's "Africa" or Prince's "Raspberry Beret" – all prime additions for your gym playlist.

Hand sanitizer is also handy, and with the coronavirus of concern, Zurlo says you needn't be too concerned about how often you're using it.

"In medicine, every time we walk into a patient room, we use hand sanitizer, and when we walk out of the room we use it again – so for physicians, sometimes that means 40, 50, 60 times a day," Zurlo says. "In my personal life, I'm not using it all the time, but I don't know if I'd set any limit at the gym."

Use enough to cover every part of your hands, including rings. And as with the hand sanitizer, utilize sanitizing wipes regularly, too.

"It's good gym etiquette to wipe down machines after you use them," Zurlo says. "It's a big step to also be wiping down every machine before use, but at this point I can't see a downside to it."

Ultimately, how to navigate the gym comes down to awareness. To prevent injury, you have to pay attention to form. To prevent sickness, you have to pay attention to what you touch.

Being aware of those around you is important, too, Zurlo says. If someone's coughing, move.

But as long as you remain mindful, Zurlo says, there's no need to fear going to the gym, at least for now.

"Maybe I'd feel differently if we start to get hundreds or thousands of (coronavirus) cases in Philadelphia, but I'm certainly not avoiding my local fitness center," says Zurlo, who, at the time of this interview, was heading there soon. "I'm just being more cognizant of people around me and of my hands – washing them and 100 percent keeping them away from my face."

Coronavirus prevention efforts

How to take your spring cleaning up a notch – safely

By AUSTIN (TEXAS) AMERICAN-STATESMAN

Based on what is currently known about COVID-19, person-to-person transmission is the most likely source of infection, most frequently through respiratory droplets passed from talking, coughing or sneezing within about 6 feet.

Transmission by contaminated surfaces has not been documented, but there's evidence that the new coronavirus may remain viable for hours or days on surfaces.

In general, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommend cleaning visibly dirty and frequently touched surfaces, followed by disinfection, as a best practice for the prevention of COVID-19 and other viral respiratory illnesses.

Clean surfaces and objects that are touched frequently, including remotes, refrigerator and faucet handles, desks, doorknobs, railings, computer keyboards, light switches, phones and toys.

Use soap and water to remove viruses and bacteria.

Cleaning safely removes germs, dirt and impurities from surfaces. Cleaning does not kill germs, but by removing them, it lowers their numbers and the risk of spreading various types of infections.

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Workers from a Servpro disaster recovery team wearing protective suits and respirators are given supplies as they line up before entering the Life Care Center in Kirkland, Wash., to begin cleaning and disinfecting the facility, Wednesday.

Extra steps

■ Chemical disinfectants can kill germs on surfaces, but you can't skip the cleaning step. Those chemicals by themselves won't necessarily clean dirty surfaces or remove germs, but by killing germs on a surface after cleaning, disinfecting can further lower the risk of spreading infection.

■ To disinfect with bleach, mix 1/3 cup of bleach per gallon of cold water or 4 teaspoons bleach per quart of cold water. Always, mix bleach with cold water for disinfecting; hot water renders bleach ineffective. Bleach decomposes over time, so don't stockpile it. To ensure its effectiveness at disinfecting, mix your diluted solution fresh the day you'll use it. Protect from sunlight. Only apply to clean surfaces, as organic materials inactivate bleach.

■ To disinfect with alcohol, use solutions with at least 70 percent alcohol, preferably ethyl alcohol. Since alcohol is flammable, limit its use as a surface disinfectant to small surface-areas and use it in well-ventilated spaces only.

■ If you choose other disinfectants, use those with labels that say "EPA approved" for killing bacteria and viruses on solid surfaces. Always follow directions on product labels.

■ Chemical disinfectants can make you sick if not used properly. Follow label instructions for precautions you should take when applying, including wearing gloves and making sure you have good ventilation (such as opening windows) while using the product.

■ Never mix bleach with ammonia or other household cleaners. Doing so can produce a dangerous gas that can irritate the eyes, skin and respiratory tract.

■ Never leave disinfectants where children or pets can access them.

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Trump appears powerless against coronavirus

Jonah Goldberg

It has been a terrible, horrible, no good, very bad week for the president.

Over the preceding month, Donald Trump's chances for reelection had been looking pretty good. The economy was roaring, the administration inked a deal with the Taliban for U.S. withdrawal from the "endless war" in Afghanistan (the deal was terrible, but that didn't seem to matter politically) and, most important, it looked as if Trump was going to get the general election opponent he wanted and worked so hard to get: Bernie Sanders.

A week later, international markets are in turmoil with a recession looking almost assured, the Afghan deal is unraveling and Joe Biden – the candidate Trump most fears – looks increasingly likely to secure the Democratic nomination.

But the biggest problem the president faces isn't, strictly speaking, political; it's biological. If Trump's foes had set out to create a crisis, they hardly could have designed anything better than COVID-19. Not only is Trump himself famously germophobic, but the disease and its economic effect are primarily a threat for his best demographic – old people. The news that attendees of the Conservative Political Action Conference were exposed adds insult to injury, as does the likelihood that the rallies that have given Trump sustenance will have to be canceled going forward.

The president has a number of superpowers – shamelessness, a gift for entertaining his base, the ability to bring out the worst in his enemies and, relatedly, a gift for benefiting from political polarization. The political downsides of these abilities are significant, but they're manageable when the economy is strong. And they would have been fairly trivial in a contest against a socialist opponent with a long track record of supporting America's geopolitical foes. But none of these weapons are well-suited to combating a massive disease outbreak that has the ability to stifle economic supply and demand.

Trump's unwavering braggadocio is entertaining (to some) when the stakes are low, but it's unnerving during a public health crisis. Trump's insistence at a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lab last week that he has a natural gift for understanding the science of pandemics because his uncle was a nuclear physicist at MIT is not exactly the presidential equivalent of a good bedside manner. It's about as reassuring as saying, "I'm not an epidemiologist, but I did stay at a Holiday Inn Express last night."

A more revealing sign that the president is ill-equipped to deal with this challenge is his irrepressible need to move back to his comfort zone, by minimizing the nature of the threat, overpromising the timeline for a vaccine, blaming his enemies and shifting the conversation back to himself and his grievances.

On the same CDC visit, the president went out of his way to attack Washington Gov. Jay Inslee as a "snake." Trump also said that COVID-19 tests are available to anybody who wants one (that wasn't true and still isn't), adding: "The tests are all perfect, like the letter was perfect. The transcription was perfect, right? This was not as perfect as that, but pretty good."

The "letter" Trump was referring to was the transcription of the phone call he had with the president of Ukraine that launched his impeachment. Given how few people actually believe that call was perfect – even many GOP senators condemned it – one has to wonder who was reassured by the claim that our COVID-19 tests are almost as perfect as the phone call that got Trump impeached.

But reassurance isn't the goal. The priority now is to squeeze a global outbreak into the same narrative structure that has sustained Trump.

"The media mob's weaponization and politicizing of this very serious issue is beyond predictable and disgraceful," Sean Hannity of Fox News said.

The conspiracy-oriented pro-Trump blog Gateway Pundit had a piece headlined, "Just Like Her Corrupt Brother Rod Rosenstein – The CDC's Dr. Nancy Messonnier Drops a Bomb on President Trump While on International Trip."

"It's nothing more than the common cold," radio host Rush Limbaugh told listeners. "The coronavirus is being weaponized to bring down Donald Trump."

It's undoubtedly true that many in the media are eager for this to be Trump's Hurricane Katrina, but the cast of "Morning Joe" didn't convince the Italians to quarantine some 16 million people or the Chinese to shut down an entire city.

If there is one lesson of the Trump presidency, it's that he can't change to fit the circumstances; he makes the circumstances fit him. That has worked surprisingly well for him. But it may be that the virus is immune to Trump's powers. It's almost as if he had a better reason than we thought to be a germophobe.

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What should alarm Trump about Biden's success

E.J. Dionne

This year is not 2016. That is very good news for Joe Biden, sad news for Bernie Sanders and deeply disturbing news for President Trump.

The differences between the two elections are why the former vice president won resounding victories in Tuesday's primaries in Michigan, Mississippi and Missouri, and why he is now in a nearly impregnable position in the Democratic presidential contest.

Biden is showing strengths at this stage of the campaign that Hillary Clinton, the party's 2016 nominee, did not. And he is pushing Sanders, the independent senator from Vermont, back into his core vote among the young and the left end of the Democratic electorate. Far from expanding, the Sanders electorate is shrinking.

What should alarm supporters of Trump is Biden's success in rural and small-town counties in Michigan that Clinton lost to Sanders in 2016. Trump, whose 2016 victory margin over Clinton in Michigan was just over 10,000 votes, cannot afford any deterioration of his support in these areas that formed his base.

Just as disturbing for Republican strategists is a shift away from Sanders and toward Biden among Michigan's white voters, upscale and blue collar alike. In 2016, Sanders carried white college graduates by a decent margin and whites without college degrees by even more. On Tuesday, both groups swung to Biden.

And if Trump's backing among his core groups is in jeopardy, Democrats are energized in their opposition to him not simply from discontent but from outright anger. For example, among the voters in Michigan, better than 6 in 10 told the Edison Media Research exit poll that the Trump administration made them angry. Almost all of the rest said they were dissatisfied.

Thus, in primary after primary, Democratic voters have made clear that ridding the nation of Trump matters more to them than any particular issue. This was true again in Michigan, Missouri and Mississippi, and the voters who prioritize finding someone who can oust Trump flocked to Biden.

Whatever his shortcomings, Biden does not appear to arouse the same passionate opposition that Clinton did. That at least some of the hostility to her was rooted in sexism is inarguable. A long campaign by Republicans to undermine her certainly took its toll.

The upshot is that when Clinton narrowly lost the Michigan primary to Sanders four years ago, 40 percent of those surveyed by exit pollsters answered "no" when asked if she was "honest and trustworthy." Only 11 percent offered this negative verdict on Sanders, and that was one key to his upset victory.

But without Clinton to run against, Sanders' candidacy is much weaker. It's now clear from the primaries so far that many of Sanders' 2016 ballots came from voters who did not necessarily agree with his progressive-populist political views but were motivated by hostility to Clinton.

It should be said that Biden's backers were not of the ecstatic sort – just 3 in 10 among Michigan's voters said they would be enthusiastic if Biden won the nomination. But another 4 in 10 said they would be satisfied if he were the nominee – and just 1 in 10 said this would upset them. The vast outpouring for Biden over the past two weeks is thus an affair of the head at least as much as of the heart. It reflects a quiet judgment that Biden is a safe choice who will not alienate voters Democrats need against Trump.

"Tonight, we are a step closer to restoring decency, dignity and honor to the White House," Biden said in Philadelphia, where he was speaking after canceling a rally in response to the rising coronavirus threat. He spoke not boastfully but calmly and deliberately. In so doing, he underscored what he hopes to portray in the coming weeks as his strengths in contrast to Trump's flailing in the face of a global health emergency.

Tuesday's outcomes present Sanders with several quandaries. There are still plenty of delegates to fight for, and Sanders hopes that his own strength (or Biden's weaknesses) in this Sunday's debate will offer a chance to turn the race around. But the upcoming primaries are not promising terrain for Sanders.

He may thus soon have to decide if his candidacy is now more about advancing his issues than winning the nomination. And he will also have to make a judgment as to whether he should campaign hard against Biden, or begin to turn to the task of pulling the party together for the coming battle against Trump. It now seems clear that a majority of Democrats wants him to choose the second path.

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LETTERS

Outdoor cats should be regulated like dogs

Editor,

The National Wildlife Federation (nwf.org), a conservation organization, does not support TNR (trap, neuter, return) for feral cats. The organization claims that "feral cats are primarily responsible for between 1.3 and 4 billion bird deaths and between 6.3 and 22.3 billion mammals killed annually by domesticated cats" in the U.S. They also claim that TNR is not compatible with sound wildlife management.

A story about the Trap-Neuter-Return (TNR) program in the February 22-23 edition of The Herald-Palladium deserves comment. To quote: "The organization says scientific studies show that cats are part of the natural ecosystem and do not significantly impact wildlife populations. But without being spayed or neutered, they reproduce in unmanageable numbers." This statement is contradictory in my view; there is nothing "natural" about "unmanageable numbers."

Native wildlife did not evolve with huge numbers of feral house cats in the landscape. Native bobcat species, for example, seem to exist in low numbers and are a game species. When is the last time you heard of unmanageable numbers of bobcats roaming neighborhoods?

TNR may help prevent large yearly increases in feral cat numbers in small areas, but it seems to me that this concentration of animals in colonies has the potential to spread disease and attract the attention of coyotes. Other animals may be attracted to the food being offered by the "community."

Where and how many cat colonies will eventually be established? Will they exist in private neighborhoods, public parks, state parks or all of these places? Are municipalities, who allow them, legally responsible for problems caused by cat colonies; smell, sick or deceased animals and any other detrimental impacts? Will the cat colony locations become drop-off sites for unwanted animals?

I think that a proper solution is to require that cats be treated exactly like our canine friends. Leash laws and a license requirement should apply equally to cats. They deserve equal treatment, in my view.

Brad Anderson
Bridgman

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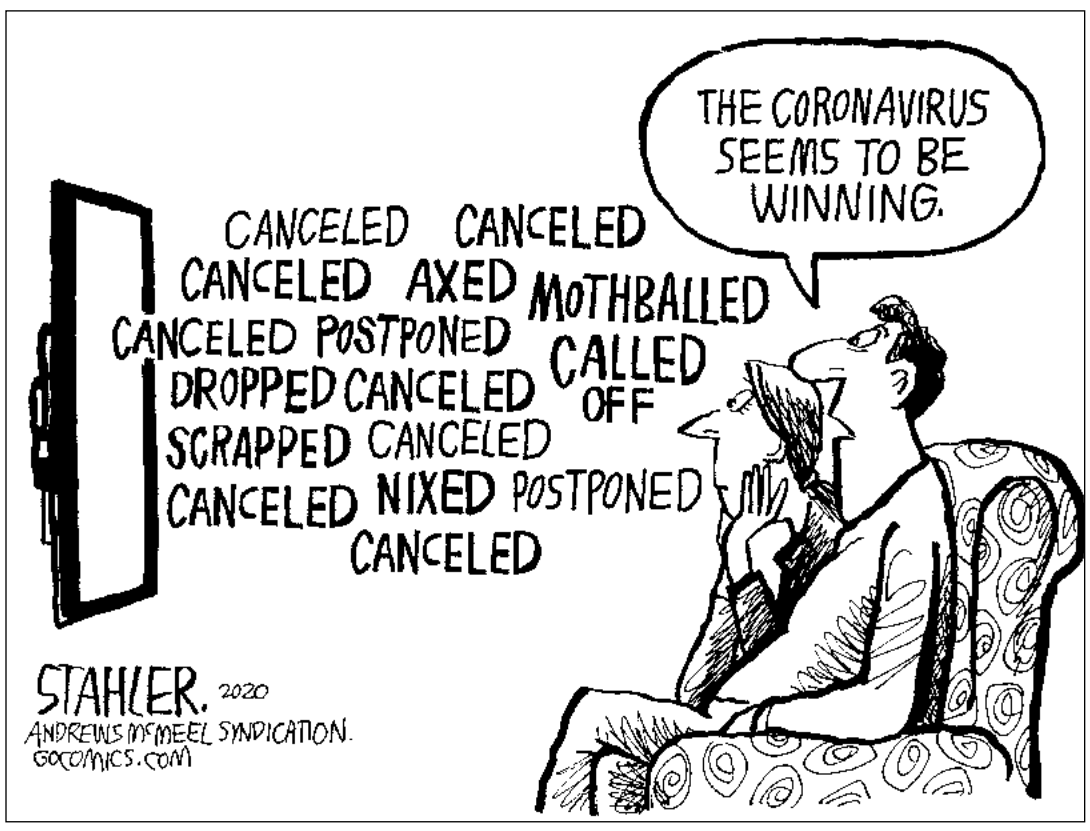


Bernie Sanders needs to suspend his campaign now. Here's why

By BRIAN DICKERSON

Over the last couple of weeks, as the once-unwieldy Democratic presidential field whittled itself down to a duel, Bernie Sanders' detractors have begun to insinuate that the senator from Vermont is the liberal mirror image of Donald Trump.

"If you think the last four years has been chaotic, divisive, toxic, exhausting," then-candidate Pete Buttigieg warned in his valedictory appearance on the Democratic debate stage in South Carolina, "imagine spending the better part of 2020 with Bernie Sanders vs. Donald Trump."

Surrogates for Vice President Joe Biden quickly doubled down on that theme, suggesting that Sanders' progressive policy views camouflaged a narcissistic candidate nearly as rigid, arrogant and dismissive of women as the Republican president he loves to vilify.

This is unfair. It's true that Sander's angriest, most disaffected disciples bear a startling resemblance to Trump's perfervid base. But to equate Sanders' pedantic populism with Trump's myriad pathologies – his nonstop mendacity, his casual cruelty, his delusional exaggeration of his own capacities – is to ignore the differences between a cold and a cancer.

Apples and oranges

I've never voted for Sanders. But I've never believed he posed a mortal threat to the republic.

His bombast can be annoying, even in small doses. But Trump's deficits are genuinely terrifying, especially when a crisis highlights their severity.

And while congressional and judicial oversight would almost certainly constrain Sanders' conduct as president, it's unclear that either can withstand Trump's relentless challenges to constitutional order.

After Biden's triumph on Super Tuesday II, it's unlikely that I and other Michigan voters will be forced to choose between Trump and Sanders. Although he has yet to be mathematically eliminated, Sanders' disappointing performance in Michigan all but dashes his hopes to capture the Democratic nomination.

But Sanders still has an opportunity to prove that I and others were right when we rejected those facile comparisons between him and Trump.

A time to act

If Sanders believes what he has consistently argued – that Trump's tenure has been an American tragedy, and that his reelection would extinguish reproductive freedom and civil liberties while crippling efforts to expand health care, reduce economic inequality and slow the pace of climate change, his obligation to suspend his campaign is clear.

And he needs to take that decisive step in a matter of days, not weeks, joining the rest of Biden's erstwhile rivals in a united Democratic campaign to reclaim the White House.

Every day Joe Biden spends parrying Sanders' increasingly desperate attacks on Biden's 44-year voting record is a day squandered in the campaign to hold Trump accountable for his administration's ongoing incompetence. Every news cycle consumed by arguments over "Medicare for All" is a news cycle in which Trump's evisceration of the nation's public health infrastructure goes unchallenged.

For three years, Trump's reckless initiatives in the realms of trade, diplomacy and immigration have brought Americans repeatedly to the brink of cataclysm; now a pandemic threatens to impose even higher costs for his executive branch's ineptitude. The need for Democrats to sublimate their intramural rivalries and suspend pointless ideological tests in the face of that challenge is urgent.

There is little doubt what Trump would do if he found himself in Sanders' position: He would defend his own interests at any cost, sacrificing his party's long-term interests to preserve his short-term prerogatives, or even to wreak revenge on his rivals.

But surely Sanders has the reason and character to make a different choice – one that recognizes how dramatically the political landscape has changed with his defeats in Michigan, Mississippi and Missouri, and how much his country's dire circumstances have eclipsed his own.

With a single, realistic act, he can debunk the cynics' blithe assertion that all populists are alike. By ending his campaign now, he can show the world that the divisive poison threatening the United States has been contained to one party – and that he and his Democratic allies mean to arrest its spread.

Brian Dickerson is the editorial page editor of the Detroit Free Press.

Europe, Russia postpone joint rover mission to Mars

By FRANK JORDANS
Associated Press

BERLIN — The European Space Agency and Russia's Roscosmos said Thursday they are postponing a planned joint mission to Mars until 2022, in part due to travel restrictions resulting from the new coronavirus outbreak

The ExoMars mission was due to launch this year but concerns about possible technical problems had already prompted both agencies to discuss the delay.

"We want to make ourselves 100 percent sure of a successful mission ... We cannot allow ourselves any margin of error. More verification activities will ensure a safe trip and the best scientific results on Mars."

JAN WOERNER
Director General,
European Space Agency

"We want to make ourselves 100 percent sure of a successful mission," European Space Agency Director General Jan Woerner said in a statement. "We cannot allow ourselves any margin of error. More verification activities will ensure a safe trip and the best scientific results on Mars."

Dmitry Rogozin, the head of Roscosmos, said the delay was primarily due to technical problems, compounded by the coronavirus outbreak, "which left our experts practically no possibility to proceed with travels to partner industries."

The mission's goal is to put a rover on the red planet to help determine whether there has ever been life on Mars. Scientists hope the rover, packed with high-tech instruments and named after British chemist Rosalind Franklin, will be able to dig for biological signatures of life below the martian surface and also provide further insights into the planet's history of water.

The postponement is another setback for the ExoMars program after the 2016 launch of an orbiter and a test lander. The Trace Gas Orbiter was successfully deployed, but the Schiaparelli lander malfunctioned and crashed on the surface of Mars, highlighting the difficulty of putting a probe on the planet.

So far, the United States is the only country to successfully land a functioning probe on Mars. NASA's Curiosity and InSight landers are still in operation on the planet.

Three other Mars missions are planned for this summer. The United States is launching a lander, China has a lander-orbiter combo, and the United Arab Emirates is sending an orbiter.

Spacecraft can only be launched to Mars every two years, to take advantage of the best possible lineup between Earth and its neighboring planet.

NASA's science mission chief, Thomas Zurbuchen, said ESA and Roscosmos made a "tough decision" in delaying the ExoMars mission.

"Launching & safely landing a spacecraft on Mars are extremely demanding and require many technologies & systems to function perfectly," he wrote on Twitter.

Bee lawns generate national buzz

By BEN STREETER
Stateline.org (TNS)

WASHINGTON — Bees are excellent dancers. When a forager bee alights upon an Eden of pollen and nectar, it goes home to tell its hive mates. The greater the intensity of the dance, the richer the source of food being indicated.

In Minnesota, more bees are going to be dancing intensely this spring.

Researchers have found that homeowners who seed their lawns with a special grass mix can feed dozens of species of bees that would otherwise go hungry. So, beginning this spring, Minnesota will pay thousands of residents to plant "bee lawns" under a new state program that has attracted attention from other states. Each homeowner will get as much as $350 to do the work.

"A lot of people are watching this," said Marla Spivak, the University of Minnesota entomologist who came up with the idea for bee lawns, a mix of traditional lawn grass and low-growing flowers.

The stakes are high: More than 1 in 3 bites of food taken in the United States depends on bees and other pollinators. But bee populations have been declining at unusually high rates in recent years.

According to recent data from the Bee Informed Partnership, a nonprofit based in College Park, Md., nearly 38 percent of managed honey bee colonies in the U.S. were lost in the winter of 2018-2019, an increase of 7 percent above the previous year, and the highest loss recorded since the survey began in 2006.

Minnesota lawmakers last year put $900,000 toward the grant program and this year are weighing a bill to double that amount. 10 states have expressed interest in the program, including two states – Wisconsin and Washington – with legislative and agency proposals underway.

But critics say there isn't enough evidence to justify spending so much.

"Minnesota is already the third- or fourth-highest-taxed state in the nation," Republican state Sen. Mark Johnson told Stateline. Johnson has co-sponsored legislation that would cut funding for the program by close to $100,000. "What is the return on investment here? We've not seen evidence to say this is making an impact on bees."

Minnesota policymakers say they have heard from officials in Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Nebraska, New York, Oregon, Vermont and Virginia who are interested in bee lawn grants.

At least 28 states have enacted pollinator health laws in recent years, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Legislation generally addresses habitat protection, research, pesticides, beekeeping and public awareness.

Nationwide, honey bees pollinate $15 billion worth of crops each year, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture. Minnesota alone sold nearly $14 million of honey in 2018, according to the USDA.

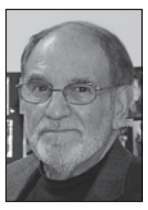
"Pollinators sound like they're cute, but they're really fundamental – unless you don't want to eat," said state Sen. Jim Abeler, a Republican who co-sponsored the bee lawn bill in the Minnesota Senate last year.

Some states took aim at pesticides after bees vanished in droves because of colony collapse disorder – the disappearance of the majority of worker bees in a colony with a few dead bees left behind. But chemical companies and the farming industry have fought chemical regulations. They say pesticides are safe and reject findings that pesticides are responsible for bee population loss.

OBITUARIES

Joseph John Gagliardo

Dec. 16, 1936 – March 12, 2020



Joseph John Gagliardo, 83, passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family, on March 12, 2020.

He was born Dec. 16, 1936, to Joseph and Mary (Raia) Gagliardo in Chicago. He moved to Michigan as a child and lived the Michigan life to the fullest. He graduated from Coloma High School in 1955. He married Reda Murphy in 1958, and they lived in Coloma their entire lives. He retired from Clark Equipment Company in 1986 and then worked for Arny Construction until 1999. He then spent his time working on their cabin in northern Michigan. His entire family spent many years enjoying time up north. They raised four wonderful children: Jody (Ed) Maher, Jana (Tyler) Baldwin, Anthony (Kelley) Gagliardo and Amy (Brad) Snyder. Joe was an avid sportsman and loved being in the woods or on a lake (frozen or otherwise) any time of the year. He loved everything having to do with being outside.

Joe cheered for the Irish, Cubs and Lions. Joe will be remembered for being a loving son, husband, father, grandfather and friend. His door was always open and he was always lending a hand to any who needed help. The family would like to extend a huge thank you to Hospice at Home Caring Circle for the amazing care they provided.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Reda; a brother, Peter (Marge) Gagliardo; a sister, Jean (Michael) Postelli; four children; 13 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Mary; and a brother, Anthony.

A Funeral Mass open to family and friends will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 16, at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Watervliet. In accordance with his wishes, cremation will take place. In lieu of flowers, the family encourages individuals to make a donation in Joe's memory to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105, Hospice at Home Caring Circle, 4025 Health Park Lane, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or Lake Michigan Catholic School education fund for his great-grandchildren, 915 Pleasant St., St. Joseph, MI 49085.

Arrangements are by Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services. Online guest book available at www.duffieldpastrick.com.

Nancy Lee Dancer Watson

April 7, 1926 – Feb. 23, 2020

Nancy Lee Dancer Watson, 93, of Benton Harbor peacefully passed away on Sunday, Feb. 23, 2020.

A celebration of life service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 14, with visitation at 10 a.m., at Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Benton Harbor. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Nancy is survived by five sons: Charles L. Dancer (Andrena), Michael C. Dancer, Freddie C. Dancer (Donna), Darrell A. Dancer and Gene M. Dancer; four daughters: Ruthie M. (Dancer) Campbell, Barbara A. Dancer, Debra J. Dancer and Regina M. Dancer; 23 grandchildren; and a host of great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchildren, family and friends.

Ricky Lee Byndum

April 8, 1961 – March 6, 2020

Ricky Lee Byndum, 58, of Benton Harbor departed this life March 6, 2020.

A service celebrating his life will be held Saturday, March 14, at the Reed Temple COGIC, Benton Harbor. The visitation begins at 11 a.m., followed by the service at noon. Those wishing to sign the guest book online may do so at www.robbinsbrothersfh.com.

Ricky was born April 8, 1961, in Watervliet, to Casey Byndum Sr. and Louise Williams. He was a very strong-willed and loving person and a fighter in every aspect of life. Ricky could bring joy and laughter to any room. Ricky was very well-known in his community. He was dedicated to receiving an education, so he did receive his GED. The last years of his life were dedicated to the love his life, Fiona Hicks.

Ricky leaves to cherish his memories: his wife, Fiona Byndum; mother, Louise Williams; daughter, Jacqueline Williams; stepchildren: Tiffny (Quintel) Hicks, Lashuwn (Germaine) Hicks, Levar (Tiara) Hicks, Connie (David) Lucas, Reshuwnda (Antonio) Lucas and Kamika Lucas; brothers ,Terry Byndum, George Byndum and Michael Clark; sisters, Dorothy Byndum and Sandra Taylor; and a host of aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, grandchildren, cousins, family and friends who loved him.

Ricky was preceded in death by his father, Casey Byndum Sr.; brother, Casey Byndum Jr.; and sister, Debra Thomas.

Death notices

Joseph J. Gagliardo, 83, died March 12, 2020, at home. Duffield & Pastrick Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Coloma, 468-6000.

Joan Ort, 89, of Niles died March 11, 2020, at Hanson Hospice Center, Stevensville. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Niles, 683-1155.

Don C. Poole, 48, of St. Joseph died March 12, 2020, at home. Allred Funeral Home, Berrien Springs, 471-3729.

Nola M. Thomas, 89, of Covert died March 10, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Earl J. Williams, 94, of St. Joseph died March 12, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph. Starks & Menchinger Chapel and Cremation Services, St. Joseph, 556-9450.

Nola M. Thomas

Oct. 1, 1930 – March 10, 2020

Nola M. Thomas of Covert passed away on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, at Lakeland Medical Center, St. Joseph.

A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 16, at Starks & Menchinger Chapel, 2650 Niles Road, St. Joseph, with the Rev. Dr. Christopher Noffke officiating. Burial will follow in North Shore Memory Gardens. Friends may visit with the family from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, March 15, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the North Berrien Senior Center or Caring Circle. Those wishing to leave a memorial contribution online may do so at www.starks-menchinger.com.

Nola was born on Oct. 1, 1930, to Orville and Verna (Carlock) Teter in Moweaqua, Ill. She graduated from cosmetology school and became a beautician. She owned and operated Nola's Beauty Shop for over 60 years before she retired. On Oct. 26, 1946, Nola married the love of her life, Harold Thomas, in Benton Heights. Nola was a member of the women's auxiliary for Hartford American Legion. She enjoyed playing bingo at the North Berrien Senior Center, playing the piano and working on ceramics in the basement of her beauty shop. She had a passion for reading and bird-watching her favorite birds, orioles and hummingbirds. Nola also enjoyed her Friday morning breakfast group at Mill Creek Charlie's. Most of all, she loved to spend her time with her family.

Nola is survived by her children, Orville "Neal" (Rose) Thomas of Covert, Diana "Lynn" (Charles) Cartwright of Hartford and Debora (James) Cartwright of Kentucky; daughter-in-law, Wanda Thomas; grandchildren: Traci, Robert (Pam), Lori (Tim), Teri (Greg), Jennifer (Boogie), Kerry (Scott), Heidi (Fred), Jodie (Joe), Jeff and Jaymie; 23 great-grandchildren; 11 great-great-grandchildren (with two on the way); siblings: Orville "Junior" Teter of Covert, Irene (Ernie) Mensinger of North Carolina, Shirley Certa of Bangor, Joyce Weber of Edwardsburg and Jeri (Bob) Hayden of Indiana; and sisters-in-law, Jean Teter and Marian Teter.

Nola was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Thomas; parents, Orville and Verna Teter; son, Ernest "Arnold" Thomas; and brothers, Paul Teter, Dale Teter and Jack Teter.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

ST. JOSEPH — The following marriage licenses have been issued by Berrien County Clerk Sharon Tyler.

Shawna Nicole Phillips and Andrew Steven Czuk, both of Eau Claire.

Roberta Delaine Taylor of Benton Harbor and Bryan O'Neil Williams Jr. of St. Louis, Mich.

Ladona Kaye Walker and Elliot Tewan Napier, both of Benton Harbor.

Sharon Kay Witt of New Buffalo and Victor Thor Dohner of Berrien Springs.

BIRTHS

Lakeland Medical Center – St. Joseph

Benton Harbor – Girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, Jasaria Chatwood, 5:36 a.m. March 9.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 8 pounds even, Rebekah and Andrew Kruzel, 10:28 p.m. March 8.

Benton Harbor – Boy, 6 pounds, 15 ounces, Genise and Jamarte Williams, 12:45 a.m. March 8.

Buchanan – Boy, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, Erin and Jerod Kratky, 1:23 a.m. March 8.

Coloma – Boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, Kelly and Nate Clements, 12:00 a.m. March 11.

Eau Claire – Girl, 7 pounds, 12 ounces, Valerie Street and Cody Myrkle, 10:49 a.m. March 12.

St. Joseph – Girl, 5 pounds, 2 ounces, Lisa and Joshua Tjader, 10:14 a.m. March 6.

Sodus – Girl, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, Sarah and Elia Kluge, 5:25 p.m. March 10.

Sodus – Boy, 7 pounds, 5 ounces, Danielle McCrery and Alex Lubeck, 11:41 a.m. March 10.

Stevensville – Boy, 7 pounds, 9.7 ounces, Emily and Scott Spearritt, 5:55 p.m. March 5.

The pool table is sick and tired of being used for laundry.
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DO YOU REMEMBER?

25 years ago – 1995

Lakeshore's standout seniors capped back-to-back super seasons by winning the Class B district basketball championship in South Haven Friday night. The 43-31 title tilt victory over backyard rival St. Joseph was ugly, but some poor play by both teams didn't take away the importance of the championship.

"It's a dream come true," said Lakeshore senior forward Erik Hudak, who helped hold St. Joseph star Mike Fleischaker scoreless. The win was Lakeshore's first district title since 1986.

35 years ago – 1985

Plans by Imperial Printing of St. Joseph to expand into Lincoln Township were revealed to the Lincoln Township Board last night.

The firm, located at 501 Colonial Drive, St. Joseph, plans to relocate its bindery operation from the St. Joseph plant to a building it has purchased at 2182 Maiden Lane, St. Joseph, according to Greg Forbes, company president. Forbes said 60 jobs will be moved to the Lincoln plant, allowing growth in other areas in the St. Joseph operation.

50 years ago – 1970

One-hundred fifty-one widows from the Buchanan area attended the Chicago World Flower Show yesterday thanks to the sponsorship of the Buchanan Chamber of Commerce and a number of anonymous donors. The annual trip to Chicago Amphitheatre, which originated in 1967, required four buses this year for the widows, 10 of them in wheelchairs, and 12 hostesses.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Friday, March 13, the 73rd day of 2020. There are 293 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On March 13, 2013, Jorge Bergoglio of Argentina was elected pope, choosing the name Francis; he was the first pontiff from the Americas and the first from outside Europe in more than a millennium.

On this date:

In 1639, New College was renamed Harvard College for clergyman John Harvard.

In 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signed a measure prohibiting Union military officers from returning fugitive slaves to their owners.

In 1865, Confederate President Jefferson Davis signed a measure allowing black slaves to enlist in the Confederate States Army with the promise they would be set free.

In 1901, the 23rd President of the United States, Benjamin Harrison, died in Indianapolis at age 67.

In 1925, the Tennessee General Assembly approved a bill prohibiting the teaching of the theory of evolution.

In 1969, the Apollo 9 astronauts splashed down, ending a mission that included the successful testing of the Lunar Module.

In 1980, Ford Motor Co. Chairman Henry Ford II announced he was stepping down, the same day a jury in Winamac, Indiana, found the company not guilty of reckless homicide in the fiery deaths of three young women in a Ford Pinto.

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
Partly Cloudy	Partly Cloudy	Cloudy	Sunny	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers
41°	34°	37° / 29°	39° / 31°	43° / 33°	44° / 35°

Local Outlook

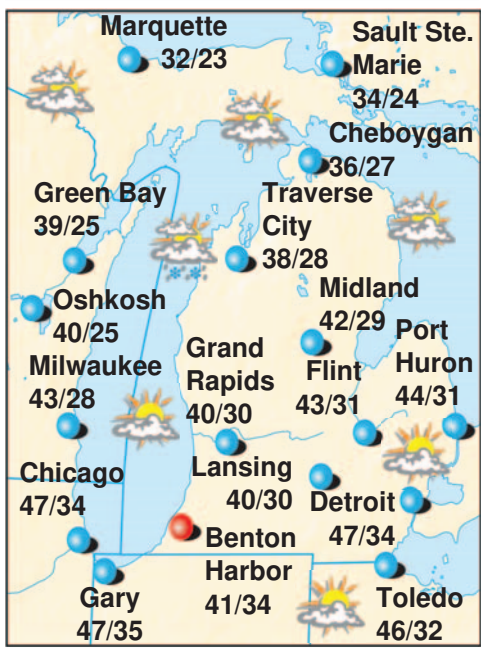
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 41°, humidity of 58%. West wind 15 to 22 mph. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 34°. West northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 27°.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise ..... 8:00 a.m.
Sunset ..... 7:50 p.m.
Moonrise ..... Yesterday
Moonset ..... 10:33 a.m.

Last	New	First	Full
3/16	3/24	4/1	4/7

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	55°
Low	38°
Normal High	45°
Normal Low	28°
Record High	70° in 2012
Record Low	3° in 1998

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	0.60"
Normal for month	0.89"
Year to date	5.52"
Normal Year to date	4.06"

Air Quality

Yesterday 37
Main Offender ..... Particles

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50 ..... Good
51-100 ..... Moderate
101-150 .... Sensitive
151-200 .. Unhealthy

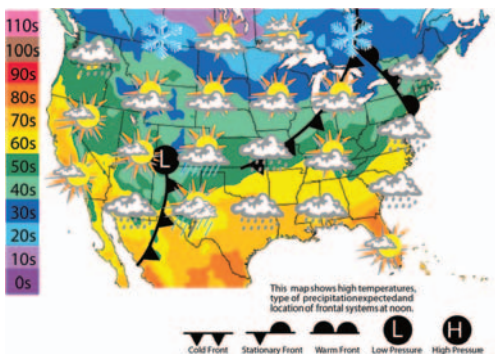
Weather Trivia

When was the first weather forecast issued in a newspaper?

Answer: It was May 7, 1857 in the Washington Evening Star.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for March 13, 2020



For latest weather updates: **www.UpdatedWx.com/HP**

Lake Michigan

Today, W wind 19 to 21 kt. Partly sunny. Waves 6 to 8 ft. Water temperature 34 degrees. Tonight, W wind around 13 kt. Winds could gust as high as 19 kt. Increasing clouds.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with isolated rain and snow, highs in the 30s. West southwest wind 21 to 25 mph. Expect mostly cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 20s and 30s. West northwest wind 11 to 14 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be partly cloudy with highs in the 40s. West wind 15 to 22 mph. Expect cloudy skies Saturday with highs in the 30s and 40s. South wind 6 to 11 mph.

COLLEGES

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least mid-April.

"This is all unprecedented," SMC President Joseph Odenwald said Thursday. "There's no script for this."

At Lake Michigan College, officials said Thursday they plan to resume the college's regular class schedule on Monday, April 13. All LMC campuses were scheduled to be closed to students and non-essential staff today. The college will reopen Monday, but all face-to-face, in-person classes are canceled all next week.

LMC officials said classes will be delivered via distance learning – if possible, on a class-by-class basis – starting March 23, with information and instructions on specific individual classes provided to students directly from faculty. LMC is planning to resume all classes as usual on April 13.

LMC programs at Brandywine High School, the Van Buren Technology Center and the Allegan County Technical and Education Center are not affected by the LMC campus directives and are subject to the decisions of the individual hosting school systems.

Officials at LMC said they plan to keep the on-campus residence hall open for the time being. If students choose to move out they will get a prorated discount. All Mendel Center and other college activities and events with more than 100 attendees that are scheduled through April 13 will be canceled or rescheduled.

In addition, all college-sponsored employee travel scheduled between now and April 13 that require the use of mass transit will also be canceled, they said.

At Andrews University, officials said all on campus classes will be delivered via distance learning beginning March 23, when classes were scheduled to resume after spring break. The distance delivery of courses will be in place through the rest of the spring semester, with face-to-face courses resuming for the summer semester.

With the university's large international student population, Special Assistant to the President Stephen Payne said Thursday that the university realizes that it may be difficult for many to return home. Some on-campus housing will remain available to them along with meals and other services, he said.

With students still on campus, he said the library, dining services, the bookstore and the Andreasen Center for Wellness will be open on a limited basis. The spring commencement services will be postponed, but not canceled, so that graduates can be honored at a later time.

Payne said the university's decision came after the governor held teleconferences with the leaders of public and private colleges and universities in the state earlier this week. Andrews' decision was communicated to staff Wednesday and to students on Thursday morning.

He said campus events where large gatherings are expected are also being canceled. Those include concerts, the Easter Passion Play, the International Food Fair and the Gymnics Home Show. In addition, services at Pioneer Memorial Church on campus will be live-streamed rather than people coming into the church.

The university's decision will not affect affiliated K-12 programs. Andrews Academy and Ruth Murdoch Elementary School are expected to remain open and Payne said he expects the Math-Science Center to also hold classes for high school students on campus.

SMC's Odenwald announced Thursday that courses will switch from face-to-face classes to online learning at both the Dowagiac and Niles campuses. Class content will be delivered primarily via the college's Moodle online learning environment.

Odenwald emphasized that the college is not closed and classes are not suspended, they are just being delivered online, except in specific cases that require students to be in the classroom. He said college staff will work diligently with students to make sure they remain engaged in their classes.

He said the residence halls will remain open, although visitors will be limited. The Student Activity Center will be closed except for the Zollar Café until further notice. The college's spring musical performances of "Grease," set for late March, have also been canceled. Odenwald said a decision on commencement will be made in the next week.

All three institutions will remain open for business and to the public over the next month.

AMERICANS

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get too close to one another. The parents stood awkwardly, several feet apart.

Most big tech companies in San Francisco and Seattle have told employees to work from home, emptying out the downtown neighborhoods that are a hub for tech and venture capital firms. The restaurants, food trucks and other businesses that thrive off lunchtime crowds say that businesses has pretty much ground to a halt.

Keny and Nancy Pham own a pair of businesses outside of the Salesforce Tower in San Francisco – a nail salon and a Vietnamese Banh Mi restaurant – where they say sales have dropped more than 50 percent this week. The salon was empty Thursday at the usually busy lunch time.

Nobody wants to get manicures – because that involves hand touching. The salon typically gets about 100 clients a day and this week is down to about 10 a day, said Nancy Pham, co-owner of the Pampered Hands Nail Spa.

Keny Pham says he is concerned about finances and paying their $10,000 monthly rent, but he has other worries as well. They have a child and live with Keny's elderly parents, whose health he is most worried about. And it's hard not to look at customers as potential germ carriers. Pham has asked his half dozen employees to rotate shifts and work alternate days, for now.

"We don't want to lay anyone off," he said. "We have to come up with a way to survive."

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protect themselves and their families."

Michigan state Superintendent Michael Rice also weighed in: "Closing our K-12 school buildings is the responsible choice that will minimize the risk of exposure for children, educators, and families and mitigate the spread of coronavirus," Rice said. "The Department of Education will continue to work closely with our partners in state government to help our students and educators in each school district get through this time. This is about protecting the most people in Michigan."

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different form.

"United Way staff are busy at work crafting a unique experience to acknowledge the generosity of our donors and the impact made in our community in 2019 as we look to the future of United Way's service in Southwest Michigan," the news release said.

Where, when, and how a celebration will take place are being determined, and details will be forthcoming as soon as they become available.

The Berrien County Youth Fair is also postponing its anniversary fundraiser, set for March 28 at the Mendel center.

"We are only postponing our event and will have a new event date hopefully in the next few days," it wrote on Facebook.

Other special events, like Chocolate, Wine & Jazz to be held Saturday at Lake Michigan College's South Haven Campus, have been canceled.

The event, put on by LMC and Foundry Hall, a nonprofit community arts organization, reported that there is no immediate plan to reschedule the event.

Starting Friday, the St. Joseph Library is canceling all of its programs through the end of the month, as well as all public use of meeting rooms and community rooms from outside organizations.

"We will continue to evaluate the situation each week and, as we get closer to the end of the month we will keep everyone updated on April events," it wrote on its Facebook page. "The library will remain open for the time being and we will continue to disinfect surfaces and books."

The Van Buren County Office of Domestic Preparedness announced that the SkyWarn training scheduled for Van Buren County on Saturday at Bloomingdale Schools Auditorium has been canceled.

Also, the National Weather Service (NWS) Grand Rapids Office has decided to cancel all Spotter Training Sessions for the month of March as part of efforts to mitigate potential negative COVID-19 impacts at large gatherings.

The events are unlikely to be rescheduled. Online Spotter Training can be found at: www.meted.ucar.edu/training_course.php?id=23.

In Three Oaks, The Acorn theater reported that it has intensified its hygienic practices throughout the theater and at the bar.

"Among these additional measures: using hospital grade sanitizing cleaners for floors and seat armrests, hand sanitation stations throughout the theater, and disinfectant sprays placed in toilets for seats and handles. The Acorn bar will be open, but snacks will not be available," it reported in a news release.

It noted that if you need to miss an Acorn concert due to circumstances related to COVID-19, to contact them at info@acornlive.org or 756-3879.

Events like New Territory Arts Association's Spring Art Hop in the Benton Harbor Arts District, set for Friday, has participants declining to participate, like The OutCenter of Southwest Michigan.

"As an alternative way of participating in the Art Hop, we will attempt to make the artwork available online," according to the OutCenter's Facebook page.

Some community events, such as those being put on by the New Troy Community Center, have been postponed.

It will no longer hold an indoor flea market on March 14 or March 21, or the Friends of New Troy 15th Anniversary Celebration.

It noted that the celebration will be rescheduled once the outbreak, or fears of an outbreak, eases, and flea markets may be held in April, depending on the situation then.

Government

U.S. Rep. Fred Upton, R-St. Joseph, announced Thursday that he is requiring all staff members in his offices in Washington, D.C., St. Joseph, and Kalamazoo to telework and is encouraging other employers to do the same.

"Every job is important, but it's a necessary step as we fight the coronavirus," Upton said in a news release. "Protecting the health and safety of all Americans must remain our top priority. The fact is that the only way to break this cycle is to limit person to person contact."

Upton said constituent services and case work will not be interrupted, but the physical offices will be temporarily closed. Anyone wishing to get in touch with him or his office can still do so as all emails and phone calls will be monitored.

YMCA

The YMCA of Greater Michiana, which includes its facilities in St. Joseph and Niles, remain open with fitness classes running as normal, according to a news release.

"We are following health department recommendations and will keep you updated if anything changes. We will evaluate the holding of gatherings and events on an individual basis," it wrote.

It is taking extra steps to ensure its facilities are as clean and healthy as possible, including greater vigilance when disinfecting high-touch items such as fitness center equipment, handrails and doorknobs. It also notes that people using its facilities should wipe down fitness equipment thoroughly before and after use, as well as shower before using the pools.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association (MHSAA) suspended all tournaments indefinitely, due to concerns related to COVID-19. It had earlier decided to limit attendance, then later canceled all events.

Elementary art

The Box Factory for the Arts announced Thursday that its reception and awards ceremony Saturday for its Elementary Art Exhibition has been canceled.

The art will still be on display in the galleries from noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday through Saturday, March 14 to March 28 with extended hours of 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesdays for those who wish to visit the exhibits.

Live mannequins

The March Mannequins event, however, will go as planned in downtown St. Joseph tonight. A spokesperson for St. Joseph Today said they align their events with area schools, and since area K-12 schools remain open, the window show will go on.

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hp SPORTS

U.S. Soccer president quits after gender discrimination suit

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What will fans talk about without sports?

Going a week without watching sports used to be a dare. It's the new reality.

Jim Litke

A quick glance at today's TV sports listings provides all the confirmation you need. It looks like the departure screen at the airport during a blizzard:

Canceled.
Canceled.
Postponed.
Canceled.

Efforts by sports leagues to contain the spread of the virus have become one more way to track the impact of the outbreak around the globe. The closer the event was to a cluster of cases, the more likely it was to be played in front of empty seats, canceled or about to be. After several weeks watching from what seemed like a safe distance, sports fans in the United States are waking up to see those red pins scattered across their maps.

On Thursday, conference basketball tournaments stretching from the Atlantic to the Pacific hung a "Sorry, We're Closed" sign on the door. The NBA, NHL, MLB and MLS did the same. The last likely major college basketball game of any import to be played, a Big East tournament contest between St. John's and Creighton at Madison Square Garden, was abandoned at halftime Thursday.

"Bizarre. We shouldn't have been here today," said St. John's TV analyst Brandon Tierney. "There's no other way to put it. We had enough information last night when we went to bed."

Now picture the poor person who crawled off the couch just before intermission to make a quick lunch, then returned to find a blank screen. The rest of us will be wearing that same expression soon enough.

If the idea of self-quarantine held any allure for sports fans, it was the chance to binge-watch March Madness and Opening Day in baseball. Good luck with that. Televised games are about to become as scarce as toilet paper at Costco.

There were still three notable holdouts as of midday: pro golf, NASCAR and the English Premier League maintained they would continue to play, albeit without spectators. For the moment, this summer's Tokyo Olympics are on, too.

The simple fact is TV deals provide so much of the money fueling big-time sports that it makes economic sense to put the games on people's screens whether there are actual fannies in the seats or not. How much longer it passes the safety common-sense test remains to be seen. Athletes from leagues and sports everywhere have already tested positive for COVID-19, and that list only going to get longer.

"We were fortunate in the U.S., at least up until

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Don Campbell / HP staff

Michigan Lutheran's Clare Berghaus pulls down a rebound over Fruitport Calvary Christian's Avneet Cheema during Tuesday night's Division 4 regional semifinal at Martin High School.

Winter sports on ice

MHSAA suspends tournaments; virus outbreak could end runs for top local basketball teams

By MAXWELL HARDEN
HP Sports Writer

The COVID-19 outbreak has sent shockwaves around the world, and the landscape of Michigan high school sports is not immune to its presence.

The Michigan High School Athletic Association announced in a Thursday news release that all winter sports have been suspended indefinitely.

The suspension of play applies to ice hockey, girls gymnastics, Lower Peninsula swimming and diving, and boys and girls basketball, all of which in various stages of playoff progressions.

"Based on the events of the last 48 hours and with things changing by the minute, we believe we have no choice but to suspend our winter tournaments immediately," MHSAA Executive Director Mark Uyl said. "This is a suspension until we have a better handle on the situation. The health and welfare of everyone involved is our number one priority."

The MHSAA initially ruled on Thursday morning that postseason games were to be played, with spectators limited to include only parents, legal guardians and essential administrators.

Uyl noted that updates will be forthcoming over the next few days and that no timetable has been determined for possible rescheduling of tournaments.

The suspension of winter affects several local teams in the midst of playoff runs: Lakeshore, Benton Harbor, Coloma, Buchanan, Dowagiac, Brandywine, Bloomingdale, River Valley and Eau Claire boys basketball; Michigan Lutheran girls basketball; and St. Joseph and South Haven boys swimming.

Michigan Lutheran coach Ron Briney received the news just before his team was to be celebrated with a pep rally. The Titans were

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Scrubbed: March Madness leads long list of canceled sports

By EDDIE PELLS
AP National Writer

The world's sports schedule cratered at warp speed Thursday, with one of the biggest events on the U.S. calendar, the fun-filled and colorful college basketball tournament known as March Madness, becoming the first mega-event to be scrubbed due to fear of the spread of the coronavirus.

Leaders at all levels of sports, including the NCAA, NBA, NHL, Major League Baseball, tennis and soccer, decided the risk of playing games with the threat of the virus hanging over them was too great despite the billions of dollars – to say nothing of the trophies, pride and once-in-a-lifetime experiences – hanging in the balance.

By late in the afternoon of an extraordinary, headline-a-minute day across a pandemic-rattled globe, the NCAA, which regulates March Madness and virtually all major U.S. college sports, basically had no choice. With conferences and individual teams calling off their basketball seasons at breakneck pace, the NCAA followed suit. They scrapped all college winter and spring championships, the highlight of which is the men's basketball tournament – a three-week extravaganza that stands as the biggest event this side of the Super Bowl on the U.S. sports calendar.

The cancellation leaves a massive hole in American sports – from campuses across the country, to a growing passel of sports-betting businesses that rely on college hoops money, to say nothing of the hearts of players who were poised to get their first, or last, or only chance to shine on the big stage.

All of it was to be covered by CBS and its partners; about 80 percent of

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HIGH SCHOOL WRESTLING

4 Lancers named to All-Southwest wrestling team

By HP STAFF

The Lakeshore wrestling team had four wrestlers named to the All-Southwest Wrestling first-team this season.

Aaron Lucio, Micah Hanau, Shane Williams, and Zeke Rohl were each selected by Southwest Michigan coaches. Hanau (130) and Williams (135) won Division 2 individual championships. Williams was also named the Frank Mucha Wrestler of The Year and head coach Bruce Bittenbender was named Coach of The Year.

Lucio placed third at 119 pounds and Zeke Rohl fourth at 215.

Other first-team wrestlers include St. Joseph's Nolan Wertanen, who won the Division 2 103-pound title.

Niles' Ryan Franco (125) and Jamison Zimmerman (112) made the first-team. Franco placed third overall in the individual tournament.

Brandywine's Hunter Heath (145), Coloma's Ian Ishmael (152) and Cole Alsup (285), Benton Harbor's Dashiande Harris (160), Decatur's Jared Checkley (171), and South Haven's Jackson Calvert (189) all made the cut.

Second-team All-Southwest includes Niles' Mikey Robles (103) and Javond Ball (135); Lakeshore's Cameron Litaker (112), St. Joseph's Jacob Halsey (125), Dowagiac's Tyler Huston (119), Laberto Paredes (160), and Wyatt Bailey (285), South Haven's Trevor Winkel (152) and Decatur's Jonathan Camarillo (215).

Honorable mentions include Dowagiac's Jordan Simpson (103), Alex McIntosh (130), and Mike Schlup (215), South Haven's Ronaldo Vergara (103), Coloma's Caleb Ishmael (112), Watervliet's Trevor Pelton (112), Don Smith (189), Brandywine's Aaron Lauri (119), Mat Cox (125), Brandywine's Ivory McCullough (171), Niles' Carson Landon (119), Skylar Means (140), Kade Wagley (145), Hunter Fazi (152), Chase Andres (215), and Caiden Smoth (285), Lakeshore's Bailey DeLatorre (119), Jon Gelesko (125), James Harris (145), Case Rohl (160), and Tafara Rukunda (171), Decatur's Romeo Lopez (135) and Kenny Mann (285), Marcellus' Blake Colley (189), and River Valley's Andrew Forker (135).

A small crowd watches Scottie Scheffler hit from the sand on the eighth hole during the first round of The Players Championship on Thursday.
Chris O'Meara / AP

No fans, now no players: PGA Tour shuts down for a month

By DOUG FERGUSON
AP Golf Writer

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — The Players Championship went from having no fans to having no players.

In a surprise announcement Thursday night, the PGA Tour canceled the rest of The Players Championship and decided to shut down its other tournaments for the next three weeks.

Only 10 hours earlier, as the opening round was underway and fans continued to stream into the TPC Sawgrass, Commissioner Jay Monahan announced no fans would be allowed at tour events for the next month because of the fears over the new coronavirus outbreak.

It was a bold decision in light of other leagues either suspending play or canceling entire tournaments.

And then the tour changed course.

"We did everything possible to create a safe environment for our players in order to continue the event throughout the weekend," the tour said in a statement. "But at this point – and as the situation continues to rapidly change – the right thing to do

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LOCAL SPORTS CALENDAR

By HP STAFF

Running

Half Note Half Marathon/5K: 8 a.m. Sept. 13, beginning at the Lakeshore Youth Soccer Complex in Stevensville. Cost is $60 for half marathon and $30 for 5K through April 15. Proceeds benefit the Southwest Michigan Symphony Orchestra. More information is available at www.smso.org.

Maytag Ironman 70.3 Steelhead Triathlon: June 28 at Jean Klock Park. Event is open to individuals and relay teams, and will offer 40 qualifying spots to the 2020 Ironman 70.3 World Championship in Taupo, New Zealand. For more information or to register, visit www.ironman.com/im703-steelhead. To volunteer, contact Corey Hansen at steelhead@ironmanvolunteers.com.

The Local Sports Calendar appears twice weekly. Submit your items to sports@TheHP.com.

IN BRIEF

St. Joe Kickers Club suspends indoor soccer

The St. Joe Kickers Club has suspended all indoor soccer until further notice.

The club announced the decision Thursday, citing recommendations from health officials.

Trevathan returning to Bears on a 3-year deal

CHICAGO — Danny Trevathan represents one of the best of many moves general manager Ryan Pace has made in free agency, the rare big-dollar signing to play out his entire contract.

Trevathan did so well for the Bears, both as a player and a leader on and off the field, that the team is keeping him around. NFL Media reported Thursday night that the Bears have re-signed Trevathan, who was set to be an unrestricted free agent Wednesday, to a three-year contract. One source said the deal can total $24 million.

The inside linebacker, who turns 30 on March 24, made 70 tackles in nine games last season, adding one sack and a forced fumble.

He was standout for the 2018 defense with 102 tackles, two sacks, two interceptions and one forced fumble.

— *Chicago Tribune*

Chiefs' Ward gets biggest performance bonus

NEW YORK (AP) — Chiefs cornerback Charvarius Ward earned the most in the NFL's performance-based pay program, getting an additional $654,750 out of an overall pot of just under $148 million.

Ward, who was not selected in the 2018 draft, received nearly 15% more than his 2019 salary of the league minimum for second-year players ($570,000). He started all 16 games during Chiefs' championship season, playing in nearly 95% of the Chiefs' defensive plays, as well as almost 26% of the special teams plays.

Next on the list was New England center Ted Karras, who inherited the job when David Andrews was lost for the season. He earned just under $636,000.

Players become eligible to receive a bonus distribution in any regular season in which they play at least one official down. In general, players with higher playing time percentages and lower salaries benefit most from the pools.

Overall, eight players who were not selected in their draft years made the top 25 in performance-based earnings. The highest-drafted players in the top 25 were third-rounders Richie Incognito of the Raiders — the guard entered the league in 2005 — and second-year tackle Orlando Brown of Baltimore.

Packers get cap relief by releasing TE Jimmy Graham

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — The Green Bay Packers have released tight end Jimmy Graham after the 33-year-old veteran spent two seasons with the franchise.

Packers general manager Brian Gutekunst announced the move Thursday. Graham had tweeted out a reference to his "next opportunity'" on Wednesday after ESPN reported his release was imminent. The move creates about $8 million in cap space for the Packers.

Graham caught 38 passes for 447 yards and three touchdowns last season. He had 55 receptions for 636 yards and two scores in 2018.

The five-time Pro Bowl selection previously played with New Orleans (2010-14) and Seattle (2015-17). Graham has 649 catches for 7,883 yards and 74 touchdowns in 153 career games with 111 starts.

In other moves, the Packers promoted Luke Getsy to quarterbacks/passing game coordinator and Jason Vrable to wide receivers coach.

AIRWAVES

Television today

2:30 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** Atlanta 250, Practice. (Live) CC
3:30 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Cup Series** Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, Practice. (Live) CC
4:30 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series** Georgia 200, Final Practice. (Live) CC
5:00 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** Atlanta 250, Final Practice. (Live) CC
5:30 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Cup Series** Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, Final Practice. (Live) CC
10:00 p.m. (Showtime) **Boxing** ShoBox: The New Generation. (Live) CC

Saturday

8:25 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Watford FC vs Leicester City FC. (Live)
10:00 a.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series** Georgia 200, Qualifying. (Live) CC
10:55 a.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Manchester City FC vs Burnley FC. (Live)
11:00 a.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Xfinity Racing Series** Atlanta 250, Qualifying. (Live) CC
12:00 p.m. (5) (8) (16) **Six Nations Championship** Wales vs Scotland. (Same-day Tape)
(FS1) **NASCAR Cup Series** Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500, Qualifying. (Live) CC
1:25 p.m. (NBCSports) **Premier League Soccer** Aston Villa FC vs Chelsea FC. (Live)
1:30 p.m. (FS1) **NASCAR Gander RV & Outdoors Truck Series** Vet Tix/Camping World 200. (Live) CC
7:00 p.m. (NBCSports) **Motocross Racing** Monster Energy Supercross: Indy. (Live)
10:30 p.m. (ESPN) **Boxing** Shakur Stevenson vs. Miguel Marriaga. (Live)

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U.S. Soccer president quits after gender discrimination suit

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AP Sports Writers

Carlos Cordeiro resigned as U.S. Soccer Federation president on Thursday night, three days after the organization sparked a backlash when its legal papers in a gender discrimination lawsuit claimed the women's national team players had less physical ability and responsibility than their male counterparts.

His decision elevated former American midfielder Cindy Parlow Cone to become the first woman president in the history of the 107-year-old federation.

Cordeiro announced his resignation on Twitter without even telling the federation's communications staff. He stepped down on a day several USSF board members issued extraordinary rebukes that criticized the governing body's legal filings. Among them were Major League Soccer Commissioner Don Garber and Cone, the federation's vice president.

A night earlier, U.S. women wore their warmup jerseys inside-out to hide the federation crest before a game against Japan. Several of the federation's sponsors issued statements this week backing the players and condemning the USSF, including The Coca-Cola Co., Anheuser Busch Cos. Inc., The Procter & Gamble Co. and Volkswagen Group.

Cordeiro said he decided to quit after discussions with the USSF board.

"It has become clear to me that what is best right now is a new direction," Cordeiro wrote. "The arguments and language contained in this week's legal filing caused great offense and pain, especially to our extraordinary women's national team players who deserve better. It was unacceptable and inexcusable."

"I did not have the opportunity to fully review the filing in its entirety before it was submitted, and I take responsibility for not doing so. Had I done so, I would have objected to the language," he wrote.

The legal papers were submitted to federal court in Los Angeles as part of the USSF's defense of the gender discrimination lawsuit filed by women's national team players last year. They claim they have not been paid equally to the men's national team and asked for more than $66 million in damages under the Equal Pay Act and the Civil Rights Act of 1964 . A trial is scheduled for May 5.

"While it is gratifying that there has been such a deafening outcry against USSF's blatant misogyny, the sexist culture and policies overseen by Carlos Cordeiro have been approved for years by the board of directors of USSF," said Molly Levinson, the players' spokeswoman. "This institution must change and support and pay women players equally."

Cordeiro had issued an apology for the arguments late Wednesday night while the women's team was still on the field against Japan. He added the federation had retained new legal counsel, a move the men's national team on Thursday called "window dressing" and "a sleight of hand."

Cone, now 41, scored 75 goals in 158 appearances for the U.S. from 1995 to 2006, winning the 1999 World Cup and two Olympic gold medals.

She retired because of post-concussion syndrome.

HOMETOWN HEROES

Photo provided

The Benton-Harbor St. Joseph YMCA Dolphins swim team competed in the 9 and Over YMCA 2020 State Championship Meet at Zeeland West High School on Feb. 29 and March 1. Zone qualifiers included Audrey Dixon, Madylin Keigley, Eden Gray, Katelyn Schimmel, Parker Roach and Alicia Delgado. Dixon placed second in the 200 IM, 100 freestyle and 100 backstroke, and Roach was second in the 200 breaststroke.
Front row, left: Troy Burrow, Sam Peterson, Parker Roach, Will Peterson, Brandon Burrow, Ethan Bowman-Hawkins, Nathan Barfuss, Aaron West and Paul Pirri. Back row, left: Madylin Keigley, Audrey Dixon, Niji Eisenhart, Shelby Lawrence, Melanie Kibler, Nadia Beran, Eden Gray, Evan Bowman-Hawkins. Not pictured: Katelyn Schimmel.

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The St. Joseph Aquatics swim team had 13 swimmers qualify and 11 compete in the USA Swimming Junior Olympic Championship Meet in East Grand Rapids on Feb. 28-March 1. Sophia Pierangeli won the 50 butterfly and 100 IM, Charlie DeVore won the 100 IM, Madison Tyburczy placed second in the 200 breaststroke and Annabelle Voglewede second in the 200 freestyle. Pierangeli, DeVore, Tyburczy, and Moeko Crago advanced to last weekend's state championship in Ypsilanti, where DeVore qualified for zone tournaments in Oklahoma in August.
Front row, left: Mia Wurster, Madison Tyburczy, Moeko Crago, Annabelle Voglewede, Sophia Pierangeli. Back row, left: Hugo Kapelke, David DeVore, Chris Jordan, Cameron Harding, Charlie DeVore. Not pictured: Juswin Judge, Addie Straub.

OFF TO COLLEGE

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St. Joseph's Alex Taylor signs to play college football at DePauw.

SCOREBOARD

BOWLING

KELLEY'S BOWL

WHIRLPOOL UNITED MEN'S – Ken Conrad 632 (235), Taylor Clark 668 (234), Russ Jones 618 (232), James Barber 614 (232). Team scores: Hi Chargers 2661 (956), Gutter Minds 2614 (955).

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Conference Tournaments

ATLANTIC COAST CONFERENCE
Tuesday's Games
Pittsburgh 81, Wake Forest 72
North Carolina 78, Virginia Tech 56
Wednesday's Games
Clemson 69, Miami 64
NC State 73, Pittsburgh 58
Notre Dame 80, Boston College 58
Syracuse 81, North Carolina 53

BIG TEN CONFERENCE
Wednesday's Games
Minnesota 74, Northwestern 57
Indiana 89, Nebraska 64
Thursday's Games
Michigan vs. Rutgers at Indianapolis, ppd
Minnesota vs. Iowa at Indianapolis, ppd
Purdue vs. Ohio St. at Indianapolis, ppd
Indiana vs. Penn St. at Indianapolis, ppd

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Toronto	46	18	.719	—
x-Boston	43	21	.672	3
Phila.	39	26	.600	7½
Brooklyn	30	34	.469	16
New York	21	45	.318	26

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	41	24	.631	—
Orlando	30	35	.462	11
Washington	24	40	.375	16½
Charlotte	23	42	.354	18
Atlanta	20	47	.299	22

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Milwaukee	53	12	.815	—
Indiana	39	26	.600	14
Chicago	22	43	.338	31
Detroit	20	46	.303	33½
Cleveland	19	46	.292	34

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	40	24	.625	—
Dallas	40	27	.597	1½
Memphis	32	33	.492	8½
New Orleans	28	36	.438	12
San Antonio	27	36	.429	12½

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	43	22	.662	—
Utah	41	23	.641	1½
Oklahoma City	40	24	.625	2½
Portland	29	37	.439	14½
Minnesota	19	45	.297	23½

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-L.A. Lakers	49	14	.778	—
L.A. Clippers	44	20	.688	5½
Sacramento	28	36	.438	21½
Phoenix	26	39	.400	24
Golden State	15	50	.231	35

x-clinched playoff spot

Wednesday's Games
Phila. 124, Detroit 106
Charlotte 109, Miami 98
New York 136, Atlanta 131, OT
Dallas 113, Denver 97
Utah at Oklahoma City, ppd
New Orleans at Sacramento, ppd

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Boston	70	44	14	12	100	227	174
Tampa Bay	70	43	21	6	92	245	195
Toronto	70	36	25	9	81	238	227
Florida	69	35	26	8	78	231	228
Montreal	71	31	31	9	71	212	221
Buffalo	69	30	31	8	68	195	217
Ottawa	71	25	34	12	62	191	243
Detroit	71	17	49	5	39	145	267

Metropolitan Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Washington	69	41	20	8	90	240	215
Philadelphia	69	41	21	7	89	232	196
Pittsburgh	69	40	23	6	86	224	196
Carolina	68	38	25	5	81	222	193
Columbus	70	33	22	15	81	180	187
N.Y. Islanders	68	35	23	10	80	192	193
N.Y. Rangers	70	37	28	5	79	234	222
New Jersey	69	28	29	12	68	189	230

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Central Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
St. Louis	71	42	19	10	94	225	193
Colorado	70	42	20	8	92	237	191
Dallas	69	37	24	8	82	180	177
Winnipeg	71	37	28	6	80	216	203
Nashville	69	35	26	8	78	215	217
Minnesota	69	35	27	7	77	220	220
Chicago	70	32	30	8	72	212	218

Pacific Division

	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vegas	71	39	24	8	86	227	211
Edmonton	71	37	25	9	83	225	217
Calgary	70	36	27	7	79	210	215
Vancouver	69	36	27	6	78	228	217
Arizona	70	33	29	8	74	195	187
Anaheim	71	29	33	9	67	187	226
Los Angeles	70	29	35	6	64	178	212
San Jose	70	29	36	5	63	182	226

NOTE: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss. Top three teams in each division and two wild cards per conference advance to playoffs.

Wednesday's Games
Chicago 6, San Jose 2
Winnipeg 4, Edmonton 2
St. Louis 4, Anaheim 2
Colorado 3, N.Y. Rangers 2, OT
Los Angeles 3, Ottawa 2
Thursday's Games
Buffalo at Montreal, ppd
Carolina at New Jersey, ppd
Detroit at Washington, ppd
Nashville at Toronto, ppd
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, ppd
Pittsburgh at Columbus, ppd
Vegas at Minnesota, ppd
Florida at Dallas, ppd
N.Y. Islanders at Calgary, ppd
Vancouver at Arizona, ppd

GOLF

The Players Championship
Thursday
At Players Stadium Course
Palm Valley, Fla.
Purse: $15 million
Yardage: 7,189 Par: 72
First Round

Hideki Matsuyama	30-33—63	-9
Harris English	33-32—65	-7
Christiaan Bezuidenhout	32-33—65	-7
Si Woo Kim	33-32—65	-7
Patrick Cantlay	34-33—67	-5
Marc Leishman	35-32—67	-5
Rory Sabbatini	33-35—68	-4
Michael Thompson	34-34—68	-4
Scottie Scheffler	37-31—68	-4
Jason Dufner	35-33—68	-4
Graeme McDowell	37-31—68	-4
Daniel Berger	33-35—68	-4
Webb Simpson	34-34—68	-4
Jim Herman	35-33—68	-4
Cameron Champ	35-33—68	-4
Nate Lashley	33-35—68	-4
Corey Conners	35-33—68	-4
Keith Mitchell	36-32—68	-4
Viktor Hovland	34-34—68	-4
Collin Morikawa	34-34—68	-4
Rafa Cabrera Bello	35-33—68	-4
Sepp Straka	34-35—69	-3
Sungjae Im	34-35—69	-3
Jimmy Walker	34-35—69	-3
Tyrrell Hatton	34-35—69	-3
Pat Perez	34-35—69	-3
Adam Hadwin	34-35—69	-3
Jason Kokrak	34-35—69	-3
Kiradech Aphibarnrat	34-35—69	-3
Victor Perez	34-35—69	-3
Martin Laird	36-33—69	-3
Matthew Wolff	36-33—69	-3
Brendon Todd	35-34—69	-3
Danny Willett	35-34—69	-3
Jon Rahm	36-33—69	-3
Adam Long	35-34—69	-3
J.J. Spaun	34-36—70	-2
Lucas Glover	36-34—70	-2
Brian Stuard	32-38—70	-2
Jhonattan Vegas	36-34—70	-2
Bryson DeChambeau	38-32—70	-2
Dustin Johnson	35-35—70	-2
Max Homa	33-37—70	-2
Charles Howell III	35-35—70	-2
Ryan Moore	35-35—70	-2
Branden Grace	38-32—70	-2
Joel Dahmen	35-35—70	-2
Kyoung-Hoon Lee	33-37—70	-2
Tom Hoge	37-33—70	-2
Luke List	33-37—70	-2
Retief Goosen	33-37—70	-2
Matt Jones	37-33—70	-2
Kyle Stanley	36-34—70	-2
Ian Poulter	36-34—70	-2
Matt Kuchar	35-35—70	-2
Sebastián Muñoz	36-34—70	-2
Adam Scott	38-32—70	-2
Xander Schauffele	36-34—70	-2
Brooks Koepka	37-33—70	-2
Tyler Duncan	34-36—70	-2
Byeong Hun An	36-34—70	-2
Charley Hoffman	34-36—70	-2
Brian Harman	36-35—71	-1
Denny McCarthy	36-35—71	-1
Aaron Baddeley	38-33—71	-1
Bubba Watson	37-34—71	-1
Chez Reavie	37-34—71	-1
Justin Thomas	34-37—71	-1
Dylan Frittelli	36-35—71	-1
J.T. Poston	38-33—71	-1
Lanto Griffin	35-36—71	-1
Adam Schenk	35-36—71	-1
Peter Malnati	34-37—71	-1
Bud Cauley	35-36—71	-1
Sergio Garcia	37-34—71	-1
Kevin Kisner	36-35—71	-1
Andrew Landry	36-35—71	-1
Billy Horschel	35-36—71	-1
Jim Furyk	36-35—71	-1
Zach Johnson	36-35—71	-1
Vaughn Taylor	36-35—71	-1
Scott Brown	36-36—72	E
Brice Garnett	37-35—72	E
Scott Piercy	37-35—72	E
Danny Lee	38-34—72	E
Chesson Hadley	37-35—72	E
Patrick Rodgers	34-38—72	E
Troy Merritt	36-36—72	E
Rory McIlroy	38-34—72	E
Brendan Steele	37-35—72	E
Andrew Putnam	37-35—72	E
Aaron Wise	37-35—72	E
Harold Varner III	35-37—72	E
Mackenzie Hughes	37-35—72	E
Erik van Rooyen	39-33—72	E
Russell Henley	34-39—73	+1
Ryan Armour	37-36—73	+1
Patrick Reed	40-33—73	+1
Sung Kang	40-33—73	+1
Russell Knox	40-33—73	+1
Nick Taylor	37-36—73	+1
Sam Ryder	35-38—73	+1
Sam Burns	36-37—73	+1
Wyndham Clark	37-36—73	+1
Cameron Smith	37-36—73	+1
Ryan Palmer	36-37—73	+1
Joaquin Niemann	37-36—73	+1
Shane Lowry	38-35—73	+1
Kevin Na	38-35—73	+1
Brian Gay	37-37—74	+2
J.B. Holmes	39-35—74	+2
Gary Woodland	39-35—74	+2
Kevin Tway	37-37—74	+2
Paul Casey	36-38—74	+2
Abraham Ancer	35-39—74	+2
Talor Gooch	36-38—74	+2
Bernd Wiesberger	36-38—74	+2
Henrik Stenson	36-38—74	+2
Brandt Snedeker	38-36—74	+2
Chris Stroud	38-36—74	+2
Cameron Tringale	38-37—75	+3
Matt Wallace	38-37—75	+3
Phil Mickelson	37-38—75	+3
Jordan Spieth	36-39—75	+3
Carlos Ortiz	42-33—75	+3
Justin Rose	38-37—75	+3
Tony Finau	39-36—75	+3
Emiliano Grillo	40-35—75	+3
Roger Sloan	39-36—75	+3
Scott Stallings	37-39—76	+4
Rickie Fowler	40-36—76	+4
Francesco Molinari	37-39—76	+4
Jazz Janewattananond	39-37—76	+4
Jason Day	40-36—76	+4
Matt Every	37-40—77	+5
Keegan Bradley	42-36—78	+6
Tommy Fleetwood	38-40—78	+6
Patton Kizzire	40-39—79	+7
Nick Watney	38-41—79	+7
Did not finish		
Bronson Burgoon	35-0—000	-1
Matthew Fitzpatrick	39-0—000	E
Mark Hubbard	35-0—000	+1
Kevin Streelman	37-0—000	+2

Leaderboard at time of suspended play

Hideki Matsuyama	30-33—63	-9
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Lakeshore's Ja'Kobe Young shoots over Mattawan's Aidan Walsh during a Division 1 district game Wednesday night at St. Joseph High School.

MHSAA

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22-1 on the season and were preparing to face Martin in a Division 4 regional final.

"That hit the girls extremely hard," Briney said. "It hit me hard, as well. Those girls worked hard for this opportunity. We understand that decisions need to be made and we respect the people who make those decisions."

With the season unlikely to continue, it's likely that Lutheran seniors Mara Rugen, Rebekah Hisle, Maria Rush, Abby Harris, and Clare Berghaus have played their last game in a Titans uniform.

"We have a great group of seniors that led in a very positive environment," Briney said. "Our defense has been a trademark, but these kids took it to another level this year. This is a very memorable group of kids. Their effort is second to none."

Lakeshore coach Sean Schroeder was looking forward to his team's Division 1 district final Friday against Kalamazoo Central. A win would give the Lancers their first district title in the MHSAA's largest division.

The Lancers (18-4) graduate Jonathan Worsham, Ben Brower, Ben Anderson Ja'Kobe Young, and Dylan Clem.

"It's certainly disappointing for our kids," Schroeder said. "Our seniors are incredibly disappointed. They wanted to play and were confident going into Friday's game. I can't say it was unexpected; the MHSAA is acting in the interest of public health.

"It's a tough day for everyone associated with our program."

Benton Harbor – ranked No. 1 in the final Associated Press Division 2 boys basketball poll – is disappointed about the suspension but remains optimistic that its quest for a state championship will continue.

"We're hopeful the tournament will resume in a few weeks," Benton Harbor coach Corey Sterling said. "The kids were shocked. We had just got word that there would be limited spectators and we were moving forward based on that information.

"The kids are kids, so they want to play. We're going to take a few days off and proceed from there."

The Tigers' roster features eight seniors in Quindarius Davis, William Suggs, Daniel Moore, Khi Hunt, Joseph Johnson, Greg Cooper, Louis Johnson, and Carlos Johnson.

Johnson, one of the state's best players over the course of his four-year career, may have played his last game in a Tiger uniform Wednesday against Hamilton.

Sterling is hoping that Johnson and the Tigers can finish the season on their own terms.

"It could give Carlos time to heal his shoulder injury," he said. "He's been getting physical therapy, so the suspension of play could work out as a blessing. It's going to be hard staying focused with all of the uncertainty but that's why it's good to have a senior-led team. Regardless if we win or lose, we want to finish the season our way."

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PGA

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for our players and our fans is to pause."

Monahan scheduled a new conference for Friday morning for additional details.

The Players Championship is the flagship event of the PGA Tour that offers a $15 million purse, the richest in golf. There was no immediate word whether it would be rescheduled.

Also shut down were the Valspar Championship next week in the Tampa Bay area, the Dell Match Play in Austin, Texas, and the Valero Texas Open in San Antonio. The Match Play is for the top 64 players available in the world ranking, and there was some concern not all could travel to Texas for the World Golf Championships event.

The next scheduled event would be the Masters, set for April 9-12.

Augusta National's only comment regarding the coronavirus was on March 4, when the club said it was in contact with government and health officials and at that point all its events remained on the calendar.

Monahan initially decided to continue with PGA Tour events even as most sports were either suspending play or canceling entire tournaments, including the lucrative NCAA basketball tournaments for men and women. Major league baseball postponed the start of its season.

In golf, the LPGA Tour postponed its next three tournaments – two with title sponsors based in South Korea, another in Japan – with plans to reschedule later in the year. The final event was the LPGA's first major of the year.

LPGA Commissioner Mike Whan said on the Golf Channel telecast Thursday he was "fairly confident" the LPGA could play next week in Phoenix, and maybe even San Diego the following week without fans.

"But can I live with it if I'm wrong? If I'm wrong, I'll regret that the rest of my life," Whan said. "This is a decision I may not like, but I don't think I'll ever regret. I just wasn't willing to live with being wrong."

Monahan leaned on golf being a non-contact sport played outdoors over sprawling acreage, a set of circumstances that don't apply to leagues that chose to stop playing.

"And that's something that we thought about and talked about," Monahan said. "But ultimately, when you break it down and you think about what's going to happen here over the course of the next three days and then going forward, we're comfortable having our players continue to play at this time."

CANCELED

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the NCAA's $1.05 billion annual budget is bankrolled by the money the networks pay to present the 68-team tournament over the air, on cable and online.

"This is bigger than a sport or championship," said Kansas University coach Bill Self, whose team would've been the likely favorite to win it all.

Hours earlier, Kansas and Duke had each taken matters into their own hands, announcing they wouldn't be sending any of their teams to games, no matter the stakes.

It wasn't even the most jaw-dropping moment of the morning. That came, fittingly, at one of the world's most renowned sports venues – Madison Square Garden – where at halftime of a Big East Conference tournament game, the PA announcer came on and said the tournament had been called.

By then, every major conference, and virtually all of the minor ones, had done the same thing. They were prompted in part by the NCAA's decision a day earlier to hold all its tournament games – which had been scheduled to start next week in nine cities and close April 6 at a 71,000-seat stadium in Atlanta – in front of friends and family and limited "essential" personnel.

Only 24 hours later, with the stock market tanking, mixed messages coming out of Washington and no promise of quick relief being offered by world health experts, it became even more clear that gatherings involving thousands of people were hard to justify. Also clear: The NCAA would have trouble assembling an equitable bracket for its tournament, given that most games designed to suss out the most-deserving teams and automatic qualifiers had already been scrubbed.

"I'm not a researcher in immunology or infectious disease, but those who are engaged at the NCAA level provided some stark information yesterday," said Greg Sankey, the commissioner of the Southeastern Conference.

The March Madness news meant it will be a world free of basketball for the foreseeable future.

A day after the NBA put its season on temporary hiatus, a second member of the Utah Jazz – Donovan Mitchell – tested positive for the coronavirus. The league said its suspension would last for at least 30 days – possibly a conservative guess, as teams undertake the task of identifying any player or referee who has had recent contact with the Jazz, then putting them into isolation for the required two weeks.

"What would kill the NBA season is if more players catch it," Mavericks owner Mark Cuban said in an interview on CNBC. He called the hiatus a matter of "us being vigilant, as all businesses should be. Businesses are going to have to be incredibly vigilant, and that's hard."

The NHL also suspended its season, though it did not report any positives for COVID-19.

Major League Baseball scrapped spring training and postponed the start of its season, currently scheduled for March 26, for at least two weeks.

Before the start of one of the biggest golf tournaments on the calendar, the PGA Tour announced that the last three rounds of The Players Championship, best known for the rowdy gatherings around the island green on the 17th hole, would be played without fans. The same goes for the three events that follow, all of which lead into the Masters, which was, for the time being, slated to go on as scheduled the week of April 6. The LPGA postponed three tournaments, beginning next week, including its first major of the season.

Tennis will also be canceling events. The ATP called off men's tournaments for the next six weeks; the WTA said its tournament in South Carolina, set for April 6-12, would not be held as scheduled, with decisions about the rest of the season to come in the next week.

NASCAR announced it would race the next two weekends, in Atlanta and Miami, without fans, and IndyCar made the same decision for its race this weekend in St. Petersburg, Florida.

Horse races were going on in several states, though without fans in the stands – leaving the parimutuel wagers to be made online; organizers of the Kentucky Derby were moving forward with plans for the May 2 race.

The NFL, never off the radar even in the depths of the offseason, announced a number of changes and cancellations on its schedule of meetings, fan fest and scouting trips – all related to coronavirus.

Major League Soccer said it would shut down for a target period of 30 days.

LITKE

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now," said Marc Ganis, president and founder of Chicago-based Sportscorp, a leading business consulting firm with deep ties to Chinese sports dating back more than a decade.

"But just like the rest of the world, it's going to be a case-by-case decision for sports leagues here, at least until we know a lot more about the virus," he added. "A lot will depend on where they try to play. 'Hot spots' and really, any hard-hit area is too risky. And they'll be hemmed in by government mandates elsewhere on top of that.

"It's like trying to put together a jigsaw puzzle," Ganis concluded, "without having all the pieces."

Just don't waste much time worrying about the owners or players. They'll be fine. Most will welcome the opportunity to take a few weeks off. The real harm being done to sports at the moment is happening on the fringes, to folks who eke out a living selling beer in the arenas and parking cars near the stadiums.

And if you've got any sympathy left after that, well, save it for the fans.

Being able to argue about sports with your crazy relatives – as opposed to say, politics – has kept many a family dinner from spiraling into a food fight. Fathers and sons or daughters who don't talk all that much during the rest of the year swap text messages during March Madness or the World Series like BFFs. It's small talk, granted, but also one of these things, as Joni Mitchell put it, "That you don't know what you've got 'till it's gone."

Gone, too, for now, will be those moments so thrilling or outlandish that they connected complete strangers: Zion Williamson tearing through his shoe in a Duke game; Kawhi Leonard's buzzer-beating 3-pointer bouncing on the rim four times before falling through to seal a Game 7 win for the Raptors; Howie Kendrick's grand-slam HRs finishing off the underdog Nats' postseason run.

There are plenty of things more important to be concerned at the moment about than sports. Pay attention to those.

But the mind likes to wander and with the Masters only a month away, just imagine where some of Tiger Woods' drives will wind up at Augusta National without the galleries lining every fairway.

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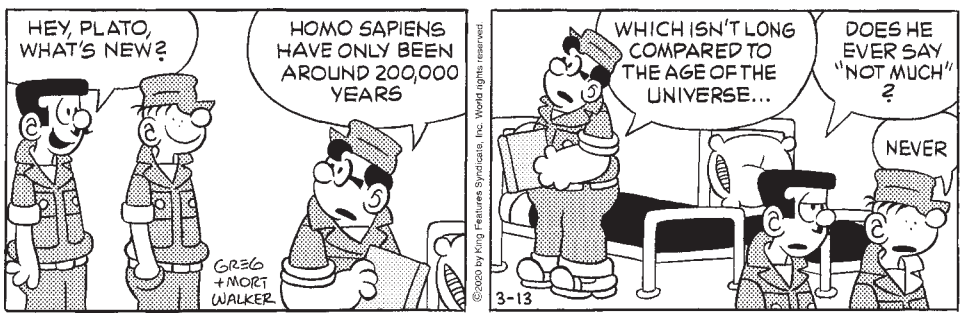
BEETLE BAILEY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HOMO SAPIENS HAVE ONLY BEEN AROUND 200,000 YEARS
GREG + MORT WALKER
WHICH ISN'T LONG COMPARED TO THE AGE OF THE UNIVERSE...
DOES HE EVER SAY "NOT MUCH" ?
NEVER
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DEAR, I HAVE TO ADMIT, YOU JUST MADE SOME VERY GOOD POINTS
I DID?
YOU CERTAINLY DID, AND I'M IMPRESSED
REALLY?
IN THAT CASE...
MAYBE YOU SHOULD QUIT WHILE YOU'RE AHEAD, SWEETHEART
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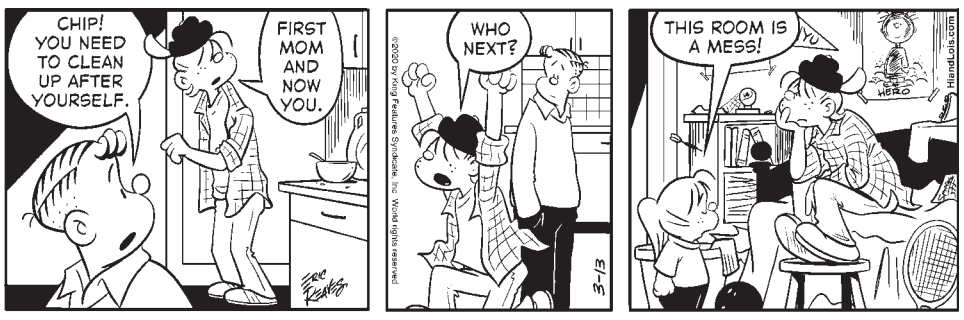

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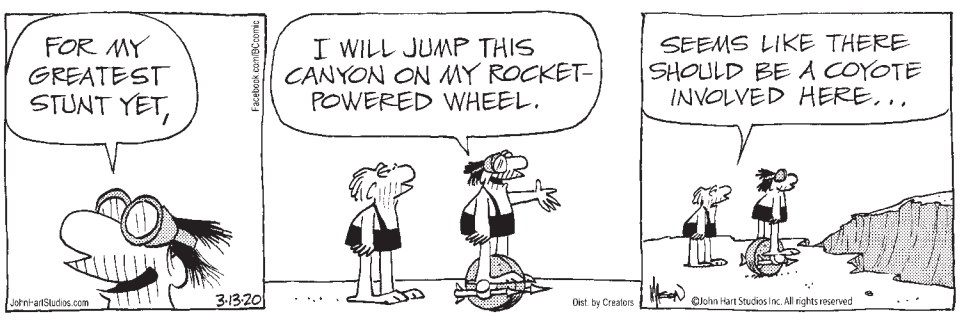
FOR MY GREATEST STUNT YET,
I WILL JUMP THIS CANYON ON MY ROCKET-POWERED WHEEL.
SEEMS LIKE THERE SHOULD BE A COYOTE INVOLVED HERE...
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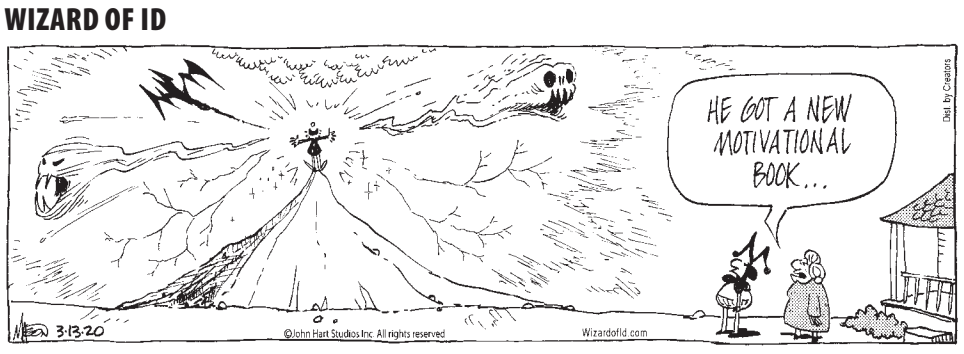

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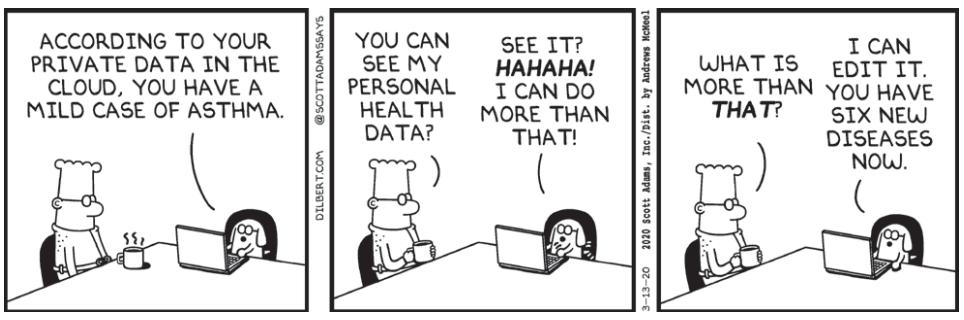
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SEE IT? HAHAHA! I CAN DO MORE THAN THAT!
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WHAT IS MORE THAN THAT?
I CAN EDIT IT. YOU HAVE SIX NEW DISEASES NOW.

GARFIELD

I CAN'T SLEEP AT NIGHT, LIZ...
BECAUSE I'M THINKING OF YOU
THAT, AND THE CAT SNORES LIKE A LAWNMOWER
LEAVE ME OUT OF YOUR LOVE LIFE!
JIM DAVIS 3-13
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FORT KNOX

PICKLES

WHO WERE YOU TALKING TO ON THE PHONE?
MY BROTHER, LEON, THE SYNDICATED CARTOONIST. I TOLD HIM TO STOP MAKING A FOOL OUT OF ME IN HIS COMIC STRIP.
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I ASKED HIM HOW HE KNEW ABOUT ME GETTING STUCK IN MY CHAIR. HE WOULDN'T TELL ME.
HE MUST EITHER HAVE A HIDDEN CAMERA IN OUR HOUSE, OR...
A SPY!!
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FAMILY CIRCUS

Our seven-year-old sub gives us a glimpse of the homefront in Daddy's absence.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"DON'T STEP ON MY CLOTHES, MOM... YOU'LL GET 'EM DIRTY."

BABY BLUES

SO, WHAT DID YOU AND DARRYL DO ON YOUR NIGHT OUT?
WE HAD THREE BLISSFUL HOURS OF FINE DINING!
MONICA SAID SHE SAW YOU GUYS ORDERING BURRITOS FROM A FOOD TRUCK.
THE HIGHER THE BABYSITTER COST, THE LOOSER THE DEFINITION OF "FINE DINING."
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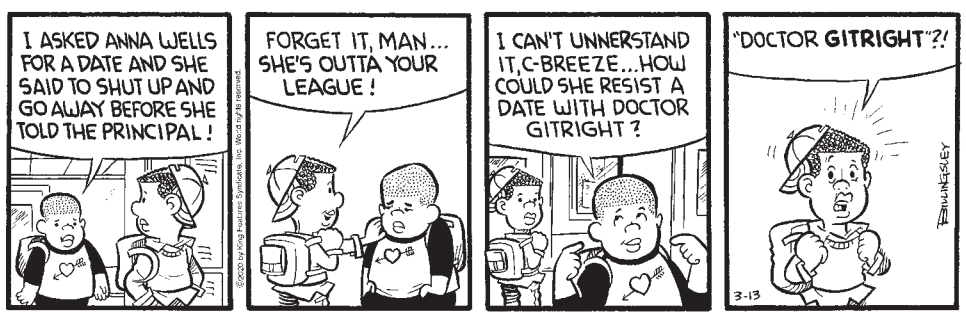
I ASKED ANNA WELLS FOR A DATE AND SHE SAID TO SHUT UP AND GO AWAY BEFORE SHE TOLD THE PRINCIPAL!
FORGET IT, MAN... SHE'S OUTTA YOUR LEAGUE!
I CAN'T UNNERSTAND IT, C-BREEZE... HOW COULD SHE RESIST A DATE WITH DOCTOR GITRIGHT?
"DOCTOR GITRIGHT"?!
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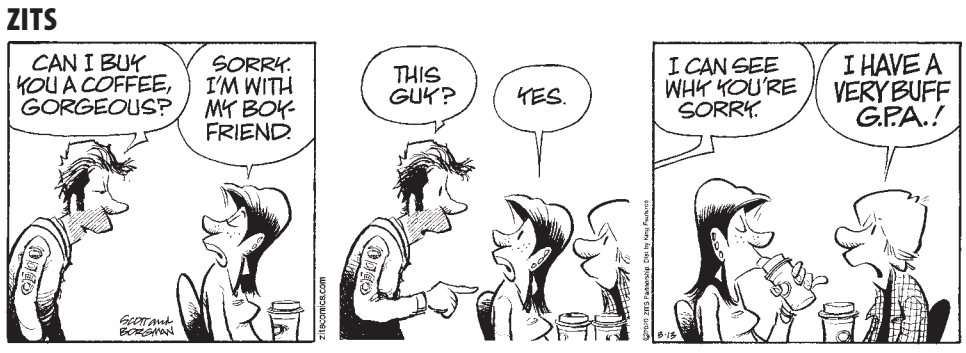

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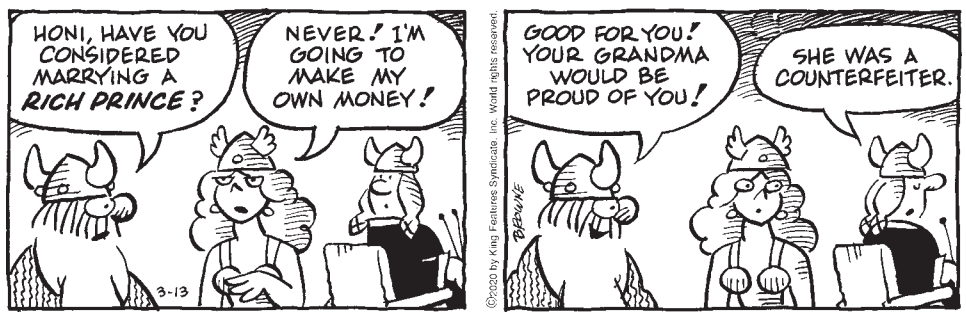
HONI, HAVE YOU CONSIDERED MARRYING A RICH PRINCE?
NEVER! I'M GOING TO MAKE MY OWN MONEY!
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GOOD FOR YOU! YOUR GRANDMA WOULD BE PROUD OF YOU!
SHE WAS A COUNTERFEITER.
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MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM

COOK, THERE MUST BE A BETTER WAY OF TOASTING MARSHMALLOWS THAN THIS...
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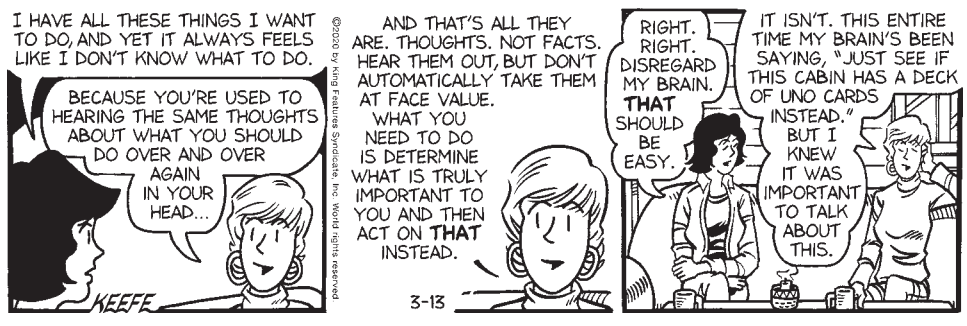
SALLY FORTH


I HAVE ALL THESE THINGS I WANT TO DO, AND YET IT ALWAYS FEELS LIKE I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.
BECAUSE YOU'RE USED TO HEARING THE SAME THOUGHTS ABOUT WHAT YOU SHOULD DO OVER AND OVER AGAIN IN YOUR HEAD...
KEEFE
AND THAT'S ALL THEY ARE. THOUGHTS. NOT FACTS. HEAR THEM OUT, BUT DON'T AUTOMATICALLY TAKE THEM AT FACE VALUE. WHAT YOU NEED TO DO IS DETERMINE WHAT IS TRULY IMPORTANT TO YOU AND THEN ACT ON THAT INSTEAD.
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RIGHT. RIGHT. DISREGARD MY BRAIN. THAT SHOULD BE EASY.
IT ISN'T. THIS ENTIRE TIME MY BRAIN'S BEEN SAYING, "JUST SEE IF THIS CABIN HAS A DECK OF UNO CARDS INSTEAD." BUT I KNEW IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TALK ABOUT THIS.

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PRIME TIME TV

FRIDAY EVENING MAR. 13

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC 7 13 41 57	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank (N) CC (DVS)		:01 20/20 CC			
CBS 2 3 22	Ent. Tonight	MacGyver (N) CC		Hawaii Five-0 "He Puhe'e Miki" (N)		Blue Bloods "The First 100 Days" (N)	
NBC 5 8 16	Ac. Hollywood	Lincoln Rhyme-Bone Collector		Lincoln Rhyme-Bone Collector		Dateline NBC (N) CC	
FOX 17 222 28 32	Modern Family	WWE Friday Night SmackDown (N) (L)				Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS 34	Overheard	Washington Week	The Longevity Paradox With Steven Gundry, MD CC			Suze Orman's Ultimate Retirement	
CW 25	Big Bang Theory	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Magical Moxie"		Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	News	Seinfeld CC
MNT 50	Family Feud	AHL Hockey San Antonio Rampage at Chicago Wolves. From Allstate Arena in Rosemont, Ill. (N) (L)					
WCIU 26	Mike & Molly	Penn & Teller: Fool Us "Magical Moxie"		Whose Line Is It?	Whose Line Is It?	2 Broke Girls	2 Broke Girls
WHME 46	:00 Heartland	Heartland "Darkness Before Dawn"		Highway to Heaven "Man's Best Friend"		The List (N) CC	Celebrity Page (N)
WGN 9	News	black-ish CC	black-ish	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	5:00 Live PD CC	:07 Live PD: Rewind (N) CC		Live PD "Live PD -- 03.13.20" (N) (L) CC			
AMC	Hacksaw Ridge	★★★ Top Gun ('86) Tom Cruise. A hot-shot Navy jet pilot downs MiGs and loves an astrophysicist.					First Blood
Animal	TBA	Tanked: Sea-Lebrity Edition (N)				To Be Announced	
BET	★★ Roll Bounce		★★★ About Last Night ('14) Kevin Hart. CC				
Big Ten	College Basketball		Basket	College Basketball			
Bravo	Shahs of Sunset	7:58 Shahs of Sunset CC		Shahs of Sunset (N) CC		Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
Cartoon	Steven	Home	Burgers	Burgers	Rick	American	American
Cinemax	:35 ★★★ First Man ('18, Biography) Ryan Gosling, Claire Foy, Jason Clarke. (P). CC					Strike Back (N) CC	
CMT	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom	Mom
CNBC	Greed	American Greed		American Greed		American Greed	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	South Pk	Daniel Tosh	
Discovery	Gold Rush	Gold Rush "Hunt For New Ground" (N) CC					
Disney	Zombies	Bunk'd	Gabby	Raven	Fam Jam	Coop	Sydney
DIY	Holmes	Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno		Beachfrnt Reno	
E!	Friday	★★ Next Friday ('00) Ice Cube. CC				★ Friday After Next	
ESPN	College Basketball			College Basketball			
ESPN2	College Basketball			College Basketball			
ESPNC	Football	College Football From Jan. 2, 2012.				College Football	
Food	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	MLB Preseason Baseball				Tigers	Detroit	Focused
Freefrm	★★ Dr. Dolittle	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy
FX	★★ Men in Black 3 ('12) Will Smith. Agent J must go back to the past to save mankind's future.					The Weekly	The Weekly
Golf	:00 Live From THE PLAYERS (N)			2020 Players Championship Second Round.			
Hallmark	A Novel Romance	Pride, Prejudice and Mistletoe ('18) Lacey Chabert, Brendan Penny. CC				One Winter Proposal ('19) CC	
HBO	:05 The Outsider	★★ Unbreakable ('00, Suspense) Bruce Willis, Samuel L. Jackson. CC				Real Time With Bill Maher (N) CC	
History	Aliens	Ancient Aliens CC		:02 Ancient Aliens		:05 Ancient Aliens	
HGTV	Fixer to	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream	Dream
Learning	90 Day	90 Day Fiancé: Before the 90 Days (N)				90 Day	90 Day
Lifetime	:00 Wife Swap	Supernanny "Orr Family" (N) CC		:03 Married at First Sight One-month wedding anniversaries. (N) CC			
MSNBC	Hardball	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Wedding	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Sports	Pregame	NHL Hockey Ottawa Senators at Chicago Blackhawks.				
NFL	NFL Total	NFL Football From Dec. 13, 2018. CC					
Nick	Maze	All That	Sponge.	Sponge.	Sponge.	Friends	Friends
NGEO	Lockup	Lockup: Louisville		Lockup: Louisville		Lockup: Louisville	
Oxygen	:00 Dateline: Secrets Uncovered "One Moment" (N) CC			Snapped "Jasmine Harlee" CC		Snapped "Melissa Patterson" CC	
Parmt	:00 ★★ The Expendables 3 ('14, Action) CC					The Expendables 2	
Showtime	6:50 ★★ Real Steel ('11, Action) Hugh Jackman. CC			The Trade (N Subtitled) CC		Boxing ShoBox: The New Generation. (N)	
Starz	In Line of Fire	★★★ Beirut ('18, Suspense) Jon Hamm, Rosamund Pike. (P). CC				9:52 Outlander Roger leads Jamie's militia.	
STZENC	:31 ★★ Summer Rental ('85, Comedy) John Candy. CC			★★ The Running Man ('87) Arnold Schwarzenegger.			White Boy Rick
SyFy	Friday 13th 2	★★ Friday the 13th ('80, Horror) Betsy Palmer, Adrienne King. CC				★★ Friday the 13th, Part 2 ('81)	
TBS	★ Identity Thief ('13, Comedy) Jason Bateman. A victim of identity theft fights back. CC (DVS)					★★★ Ted ('12) Mark Wahlberg.	
TCM	Fifth Avenue Girl	★★★ The Diary of Anne Frank ('59) Millie Perkins. A Jewish girl hides from the Nazis in an Amsterdam attic. CC					
TMC	Nighthawks	★★ Guess Who ('05, Comedy) Bernie Mac, Ashton Kutcher, Zoe Saldana. CC				★ Phil ('19) Greg Kinnear. CC	
TNT	:00 Bones	★★★ Thor: Ragnarok ('17) Chris Hemsworth.					Wolverine
Travel	Portals	Kindred Spirits (N)		Portals to Hell "The Old Paulding Jail"			
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Two Men	Two Men
USA	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	★★★ Doctor Strange ('16, Action) Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor. CC (DVS)					
VH1	RuPaul	RuPaul's Drag Race (N) CC				★ Coyote Ugly	
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing

Limited mobility shouldn't stop people from adopting pets

Hello, dear readers, and welcome back to our monthly letters column. We're happy to report that you've kept our mailboxes full, so we'll dive right in.

■ Pet-related topics always get a lot of mail, and a recent column about a study into the health benefits of living with a dog was no different. A reader from Tulsa, Oklahoma, wrote to say that limited mobility need not be a barrier to canine companionship. "People who are physically unable to walk a dog outdoors can experience the joy provided by a pet and the other benefits of pet ownership, particularly with a small breed," she wrote. "They can be trained to use potty pads indoors. We recently adopted a 3-year-old rescue Chihuahua who quickly learned to use the potty pads. As I write this, my current 'favorite child' is right here beside me. Life is just better with a pet in your lap."

Elizabeth Ko & Eve Glazier
Ask the Doctors

■ A reader from Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, who volunteers at a local hospital with her therapy dog, wrote to say she sees the happiness that a dog imparts with every visit. "It's refreshing to read about how dogs make a difference in the healing process. I witness that emotion every time we visit," she wrote. "And, as you pointed out, the nurses, doctors and support staff all love interacting with the dogs as well."

■ In response to a column about carpal tunnel syndrome, a reader from Fresno, California, found that a small tweak to his work habits made a big difference to the severe carpal tunnel pain he experienced while using a mouse during computer work. "I went to several doctors, but ultimately decided to just move the mouse to the left side of the keyboard," he wrote. "It was awkward for about a week, but eventually I adapted, and after two months, the pain was gone." Since then, he switches hands on the first day of each month and reports, "my carpal tunnel pain has never returned."

■ A column about the flu that mentioned that symptoms can be similar to those of a bad cold left a reader in Spokane, Washington, confused. "All my life – 62 years – the flu has been referred to as an illness with symptoms such as fever, stomach upset or vomiting, lack of appetite, diarrhea and achiness, and it seems to take longer to get well from than a cold," he wrote. "Have I been confused about what flu really is?" To clarify, the flu is an infection of the influenza virus. It typically shares respiratory symptoms with the common cold, and can cause the additional symptoms that you mention. The diagnostic difference between the flu and a cold is the virus that causes each infection. And, as you mention, the flu lasts longer than a cold and tends to be more severe.

That's it for this month. Thank you again for all of your questions, tips, comments and kind words. We love hearing from you. And just a reminder to new readers – we can't make a diagnosis, recommend medications or offer a second opinion.

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Did mom raise a bridezilla?

DEAR CAROLYN: A friend's daughter is planning a very expensive wedding. The bride's parents wrote a check and said she could plan her wedding without their input. They hoped this would avoid fights. The bride recently told her mother she will be excluded from wedding photos unless the mother's dress, jewelry, makeup and hairstyle meet the bride's precise color, style and other requirements. Presumably, the mother of the groom also is being required to comply. Some friends have advised the bride's mother to wear whatever her daughter wants. Others think the bride will back down as long as the mother wears a formal mother-of-the-bride outfit. What do you think? – Friend

Carolyn Hax

DEAR FRIEND: I think your friend raised a monster.

What outfit coordinates best with one's monster is not my area of expertise.

I do suggest, though, in dealing with an irrationally self-important and utterly priority-challenged bride, that your friend make a decision upfront and stick to it: either all in, or all out, because there's too much friction in the middle.

The all-in option is to say to the daughter, "Wow, that sounds stressful. Just tell me what to wear and I'll wear it."

The all-out option is to say, "Wow, that sounds stressful. I'll do my best but expect to take pictures without me." No negative voice inflections whatsoever.

I'd also tell your friend not to worry too much about which one she chooses, because they're trick answers: Both are the wrong thing, because to someone capable of saying to her mother, "You will be excluded from wedding photos unless your dress, jewelry, makeup and hairstyle meet my precise color, style and other requirements," the "right" thing has been replaced by raving lunacy. The laws of social physics no longer apply.

Unless, of course, this is wildly out of character for the daughter and the mother has a warm, close, honest relationship with her. In that case, the mother can try to brake this runaway train: "Life isn't perfect, marriages aren't perfect, weddings aren't perfect. I worry about the pressure you're putting on yourself and everyone else."

Or the verbal-dope-slap equivalent: "We didn't raise you to treat people like this." Presuming a bit here.

But I'm not hopeful. So, my real advice is to you and her other friends: Be ready with warm hugs and cool beverages. Mom'll need plenty of both.

DEAR CAROLYN: My beloved dog died suddenly two years ago today. It was devastating and I've never felt grief like that before. I still tear up, and this whole week, knowing the anniversary was coming, I've been sad and grumpy. I know she was "just" a dog, and what worries me with aging parents and a child with significant health issues – currently thriving – is, how am I ever going to get through a day when a person I love dies, when I am still mourning my beloved pet? – Anonymous

DEAR ANONYMOUS: You just will. Because that's what people do.

Though I hope you're spared any worst-case scenarios.

And if it helps: Grief is not linear. It's not as if you felt X for your doggy, and will thus feel 2X for a person. Each grief is its own thing, for pets included, and there's no anticipating it; just assume it will take you wherever it means to go.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Watch
5 Oz. or lb.
8 Engineer's place
11 Field units
13 Estuary
14 Have — — at
15 Express gratitude
16 Sang door-to-door
18 Smidgens
20 Public sentiment
21 Ristorante fare
23 Flavor enhancer
24 Table part
25 Jazz's — Fitzgerald
27 Mane
31 Nest-egg letters
32 Leaf through
33 Antoinette lost hers
34 Plant parasite
36 Crazy about
38 — Juan
39 "Jeopardy!" host
40 Consumer
41 Passe
42 Sidekick
44 Full of suds
46 Harsh-voiced bird
49 Yeah, right! (2 wds.)
50 Dental filling
52 Serious theater
56 "Nova" network
57 Letter before sigma
58 To date (2 wds.)
59 Familiar digit
60 Chatter
61 Wineglass feature

DOWN
1 Cauldron
2 Berlin pronoun
3 Baseball stat
4 Makes one's way
5 Eyebrow shapes
6 Actress Farrow
7 Rainproof covers
8 Holler
9 Mellows
10 Portend
12 Ice Capades performer
17 Must
19 Ominous
21 Grave risk
22 Banded quartz
23 Senseless folly
24 Succotash bean
26 Cambodia neighbor
28 Noted fabulist
29 Where Florence is
30 Tear
35 Oust
37 Robots
43 Steaming
45 Curly coifs
46 Engrossed
47 Lectern
48 Flower container
49 On a rampage
51 Caught ya!
53 Shipboard direction
54 "Diamond Lil"
55 Jacket feature

Answer to Previous Puzzle

C	O	D		E	L	M	O		D	E	P	T
H	I	E		L	I	A	R		I	D	E	A
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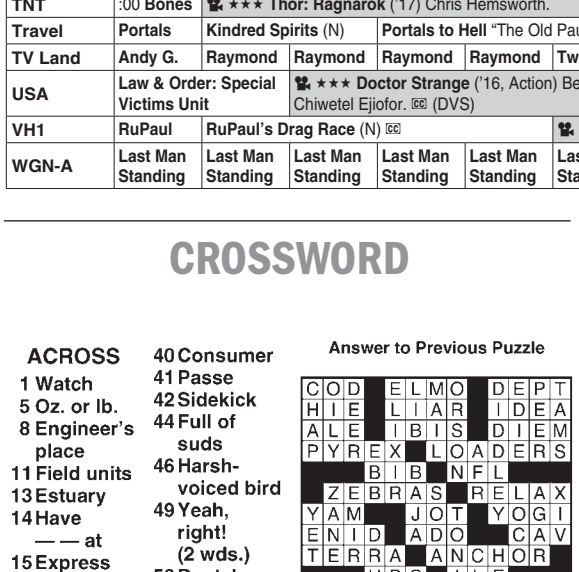

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JUMBLE

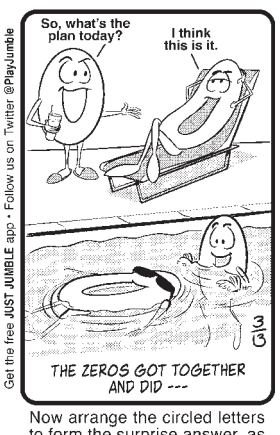
Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

RIHYA

UNHAM

GARNDO

CETTUS


So, what's the plan today?
I think this is it.
THE ZEROS GOT TOGETHER AND DID ---
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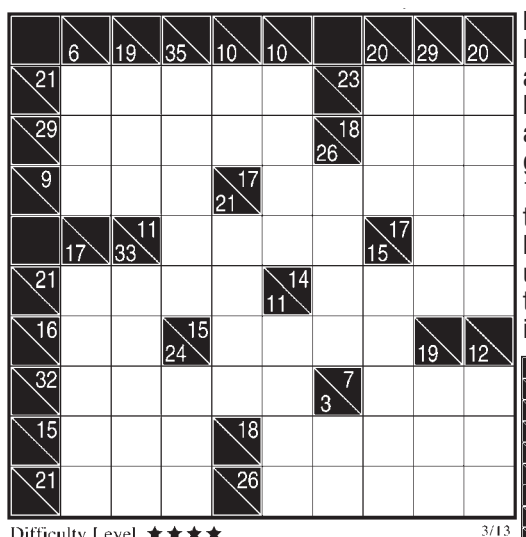
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

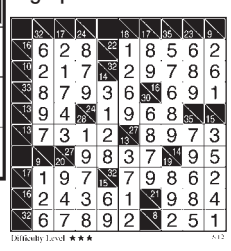
Yesterday's Jumbles: STASH ENJOY LENGTH CROUCH
Answer: Disposable hypodermic needles get thrown away after a single use because — THEY ARE SHOT

KAKURO



Difficulty Level ★★★★ 3/13

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



Difficulty Level ★★★ 3/12

BRIDGE

There are days on defense when you seem to be dealt all of the right cards, so that partner will have no trouble reading your signals. On other days, nothing goes right. Which is it today, the only Friday the 13th this year?

This deal was played in a Vanderbilt Knockout Teams match some years ago. At one table, North became the declarer in four spades. East led his singleton club, North won with his ace, drew trumps in three rounds and ran the clubs, discarding two heart losers. Now declarer played a diamond and conceded only three red-suit tricks.

At the other table, the bidding, which is given in the diagram, was very aggressive. Perhaps South should have doubled four hearts, but it takes careful defense to defeat that contract. Instead, he went for his own game.

West led the diamond ace. East was in an ideal position: he dropped the diamond nine. Whether his partner thought this was encouraging or a suit-preference signal for hearts, East held what was needed. West, holding a singleton diamond, read the signal as suit-preference and shifted to a low heart at trick two. East won with the heart queen, cashed the diamond king, gave his partner a diamond ruff and regained the lead with the heart king. Now a fourth diamond effected a trump promotion.

North 03-13-20
♠ K Q 7 6
♥ 8 7 3
♦ Q J 10 4
♣ A 6

West
♠ 10 4
♥ A J 9 2
♦ A
♣ 10 9 7 4 3 2

East
♠ J 5 2
♥ K Q 10 5
♦ K 9 8 6 2
♣ 8

South
♠ A 9 8 3
♥ 6 4
♦ 7 5 3
♣ K Q J 5

Dealer: West
Vulnerable: East-West

South	West	North	East
	Pass	1♦	Pass
1♠	Dbl.	2♠	4♥
4♠	Pass	Pass	Dbl.
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: ♦ A

If South had ruffed low, West would have overruffed; but when declarer ruffed with his ace, East had to score a trick with the spade jack. The result was down three, plus 500, and a gain of 14 international match points.

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★★☆

		9		7	3	5		
8		1		4		3		
3				8				
5	8				4			
	9			2			3	
			8				5	7
				9				2
		7		6		1		5
		2	4	5		7		

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

1	8	9	4	6	7	3	5	2
7	2	3	8	9	5	1	6	4
4	5	6	3	1	2	7	8	9
8	1	7	9	5	3	4	2	6
3	9	2	1	4	6	8	7	5
5	6	4	7	2	8	9	1	3
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9	4	5	6	8	1	2	3	7

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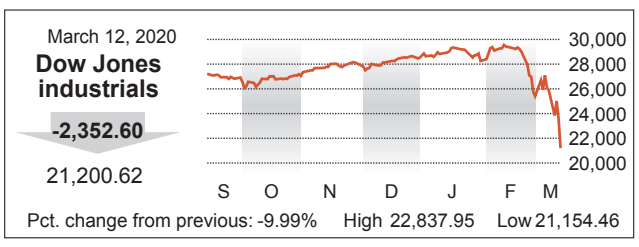

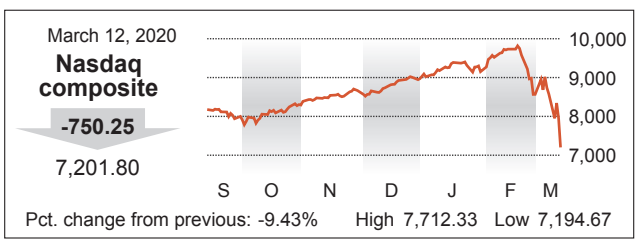

Amer Elec Power AEP
$82.54 **-15.16 -15.5%**
▼ **4-wk.** -19.7% ▼ **YTD** -12.7%

Whirlpool WHR
$102.79 **-18.33 -15.1%**
▼ **4-wk.** -32.4% ▼ **YTD** -30.3%

LocalStocks

NAME	TICKER	52-WK RANGE LO	HI	◇CLOSE	CHG	%CHG	WK	MO	QTR
AT&T Inc	T	30.05	39.70	31.33	-3.19	-9.2	▼	▼	▼
AEP	AEP	82.08	104.97	82.54	-7.18	-8.0	▼	▼	▼
Apple Inc	AAPL	170.27	327.85	248.23	-27.20	-9.9	▼	▼	▼
AutoZone	AZO	961.84	1274.41	978.19	-110.84	-10.2	▼	▼	▼
BP PLC	BP	24.20	45.38	21.57	-3.09	-12.5	▼	▼	▼
CMS Eng	CMS	53.55	69.12	58.89	-4.36	-6.9	▼	▼	▼
CocaCola	KO	45.18	60.07	47.16	-5.05	-9.7	▼	▼	▼
Comcast	CMCSA	36.67	47.74	34.94	-2.97	-7.8	▼	▼	▼
Deere	DE	132.68	180.48	130.39	-15.49	-10.6	▼	▼	▼
Disney	DIS	102.43	153.41	91.81	-13.70	-13.0	▼	▼	▼
DollarTree	DLTR	75.12	119.71	70.35	-13.32	-15.9	▼	▼	▼
ExxonMbl	XOM	40.80	83.49	37.18	-4.80	-11.4	▼	▼	▼
FifthThird	FITB	17.38	31.64	15.90	-1.76	-10.0	▼	▼	▼
1stSource	SRCE	32.05	53.42	29.10	-3.10	-9.6	▼	▼	▼
FordM	F	5.80	10.56	5.35	-.55	-9.3	▼	▼	▼
GenElec	GE	7.65	13.26	7.23	-.98	-11.9	▼	▼	▼
HomeDp	HD	182.33	247.12	190.59	-22.30	-10.5	▼	▼	▼
HorizBcp	HBNC	11.85	19.48	10.59	-1.43	-11.9	▼	▼	▼
HuntBncsh	HBAN	9.01	15.63	8.38	-.75	-8.2	▼	▼	▼
IDEX	IEX	132.80	178.14	123.14	-11.73	-8.7	▼	▼	▼
IBM	IBM	115.76	158.75	102.81	-15.16	-12.9	▼	▼	▼
JPMorgCh	JPM	93.00	141.10	88.05	-7.91	-8.2	▼	▼	▼
JohnJn	JNJ	126.10	154.50	125.41	-6.39	-4.8	▼	▼	▼
Lowes	LOW	91.60	126.73	89.92	-9.23	-9.3	▼	▼	▼
McDnlds	MCD	182.32	221.93	170.13	-18.12	-9.6	▼	▼	▼
Microsoft	MSFT	110.98	190.70	139.06	-14.57	-9.5	▼	▼	▼
MillerHer	MLHR	25.75	49.88	22.27	-4.12	-15.6	▼	▼	▼
Penney	JCP	0.50	1.76	.41	-.09	-18.0	▼	▼	▼
Perrigo	PRGO	40.68	63.86	40.66	-5.38	-11.7	▼	▼	▼
Pfizer	PFE	31.66	44.56	30.02	-2.15	-6.7	▼	▼	▼
ProctGam	PG	99.09	128.09	101.84	-9.75	-8.7	▼	▼	▼
RepubSvc	RSG	76.13	100.91	79.59	-11.69	-12.8	▼	▼	▼
Steelcse	SCS	13.28	23.02	11.52	-1.90	-14.2	▼	▼	▼
Stryker	SYK	171.33	226.30	154.25	-21.37	-12.2	▼	▼	▼
TCF Finl	TCF	26.56	47.46	24.15	-3.21	-11.7	▼	▼	▼
Target	TGT	70.03	130.24	92.62	-12.96	-12.3	▼	▼	▼
TractSupp	TSCO	77.50	114.25	76.51	-6.79	-8.2	▼	▼	▼
UPS B	UPS	87.10	125.31	86.17	-1.82	-2.1	▼	▼	▼
VerizonCm	VZ	52.18	62.22	51.20	-3.63	-6.6	▼	▼	▼
WEC Engy	WEC	75.88	105.64	91.64	-5.81	-6.0	▼	▼	▼
WalMart	WMT	96.53	125.38	104.05	-10.38	-9.1	▼	▼	▼
WalgBoots	WBA	44.61	64.50	41.02	-5.05	-11.0	▼	▼	▼
Wendys Co	WEN	16.25	24.04	15.62	-2.40	-13.3	▼	▼	▼
Whrlpl	WHR	109.72	163.64	102.79	-7.70	-7.0	▼	▼	▼
Worthgtn	WOR	25.25	44.69	22.43	-3.01	-11.8	▼	▼	▼
XPO Logis	XPO	48.60	100.18	55.52	-4.30	-7.2	▼	▼	▼

PRODUCE PRICES

The following fruit prices were recorded on the Chicago Terminal Market on Wednesday. Prices are not net to the growers as freight and selling fees have not been deducted. These prices were provided by the USDA Market News Branch office in Chicago.

APPLES: Cartons tray pack of Washington Extra Fancy 72s Red Delicious sold lower from $21-24, Golden Delicious sold from $36-39, Fuji sold slightly lower for $30-34, Pink Lady brought $38-40, Gala sold steady from $32-35, and 72 size Honeycrisp sold for $36, with fine appearance offerings $48-50. Cartons of 12 3-pound film bags of Washington WA Extra Fancy 2 1/2-inch minimum Red Delicious sold for $22, while Golden Delicious brought $23, Gala sold for $23-24, while bushel cartons loose of Michigan 3-inch minimum Golden Delicious, Gala and Jonagold brought $20.

ASPARAGUS: Pyramid cartons/crates 11-pound bunched standard size from Mexico sold slightly lower from $19-20, while large white bunched from Peru sold steady from mostly $23-25. Organic standard size green offerings from Mexico sold from mostly $22-24.

BEANS: Bushel cartons/crates of round green type machine-picked offerings from Florida sold much lower for mostly $16.

BERRIES: Flats of 12 6-ounce cups with lids of medium-large berries from Mexico sold for mostly $29-30, while fine appearance offerings brought mostly $31-32, while organic offerings from California of fine appearance sold from mostly $33-34. Strawberries in flats of eight 1-pound containers medium size from Florida sold slightly higher from mostly $15-16, with fine appearance offerings $18, while medium organic offerings from Mexico sold for $38.50.

BROCCOLI: Cartons of 14 bunches from Arizona/California sold higher from mostly $15-16, with organic offerings $16.

CABBAGE: 50-pound cartons of round green medium from Texas sold from mostly $13.50-14.50, while red offerings sold slightly lower for mostly $17-18.

CAULIFLOWER: Cartons of 12 film wrapped heads from California sold higher from mostly $24.50-26, with organic offerings higher for $36.

CORN: Wirebound crates of four dozen bi-color and yellow from Florida sold lower from $12-14.

CUCUMBERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of medium size sold from mostly $36-37, with large lower from mostly $35.50-36, and carton 24s sold from mostly $14-16. Pickles of 200-300 size from Mexico steady sold for mostly $35-36.

EGGPLANT: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of 24-count eggs from Mexico sold steady for $22-23.

LETTUCE: Cartons film wrapped 24 heads of iceberg lettuce from Arizona/California sold for mostly $15, while organic offerings brought $22.

ORANGES: Cartons of 10 4-pound film bags of Florida 80 size Hamlin juice oranges sold for $22.

PEPPERS: 1-1/9-bushel cartons of Florida green jumbos and extra-large sold steady from $14-16, with large $14. Medium size jalapeno peppers from Mexico sold for $19-20, while extra-large poblano sold from $20-22, serranos brought $26-28, and medium Hungarian wax sold from $24-26.

SQUASH: 4/7-bushel cartons of small sold from $22-24 with medium zucchini from Mexico sold higher from $20-22 while small-medium size yellow straightneck sold for $28, with medium size $26-28. 1 1/9-bushel cartons from Mexico of large size acorn brought $30-32, while butternut small sold higher for mostly $20-22, and spaghetti mostly $18.

TOMATOES: 25-pound cartons loose mature greens 5x6s from Florida sold lower from $18-20, while cartons 2-layer offerings from Mexico of 4x5 size sold much lower from mostly $17-18. Flats 12 1-pint containers with lids of light red-red medium size grape tomatoes from Florida sold for $16-17, with offerings from Mexico lower for $18. Cartons of 12 1-pint baskets of cherry type red from Florida sold lower for mostly $25-26. Plum tomatoes packed in 25-pound cartons loose of extra-large and large size from Mexico sold much lower from $22-24.

Richard Drew / AP

A trader has his head in his hand on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, on Thursday. The stock market had its biggest drop since the Black Monday crash of 1987 as fears of economic fallout from the coronavirus crisis deepened. The Dow industrials plunged more than 2,300 points, or 10 percent. The vast majority of people recover from the new coronavirus. According to the World Health Organization, most people recover in about two to six weeks, depending on the severity of the illness.

Asian shares plunge after Wall Street's worst day since '87

By STAN CHOE and ALEX VEIGA
AP Business Writers

NEW YORK — Shares have plunged in Asia, with Japan's benchmark sinking 10 percent after Wall Street suffered its biggest drop since the Black Monday crash of 1987.

Markets worldwide have retreated as fears of economic fallout from the coronavirus crisis deepen and the meltdown in the U.S., the world's biggest economy, batters confidence around the globe.

South Korea's Kospi sank 8.1 percent, Sydney's S&P ASX/200 gave up 7.6 percent and Hong Kong's Hang Seng shed 6.3 percent.

The rout came amid a cascade of cancellations and shutdowns across the globe – including Trump's suspension of most travel to the U.S. from Europe – and rising worries that the White House and other authorities around the world can't or won't counter the economic damage from the outbreak any time soon.

"We're starting to get a sense of how dire the impact on the economy is going to be. Each day the news doesn't get better, it gets worse. It's now hit Main Street to a more significant degree," said Liz Ann Sonders, chief investment strategist at Charles Schwab.

Stocks fell so fast on Wall Street at the opening bell that they triggered an automatic, 15-minute trading halt for the second time this week. The so-called circuit breakers were first adopted after the 1987 crash, and until this week hadn't been tripped since 1997.

The Dow briefly turned upward and halved its losses at one point in the afternoon after the Federal Reserve announced it would step in to ease "highly unusual disruptions" in the Treasury market. But the burst of momentum quickly faded.

Trump often points proudly to the big run-up on Wall Street under his administration, warning a crowd at a rally last August that "whether you love me or hate, you gotta vote for me," or else your 401(k) will go "down the tubes."

Just last month, the Dow was boasting a nearly 50 percent increase since Trump took the oath of office on Jan. 20, 2017. By Thursday's close, the Dow was clinging to a 6.9 percent gain, though it was still up nearly 16 percent since just before Trump's election in November 2016.

The Dow officially went into a bear market on Wednesday, when it finished the day down more than 20 percent from its all-time high. For the S&P 500, this is the fastest drop since World War II from a record high to a bear market.

The combined health crisis and retreat on Wall Street heightened fears of a recession.

"This is bad. The worst and fastest stock market correction in our career," Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist at MUFG Union, said in a research note overnight. "The economy is doomed to recession if the country stops working and takes the next 30 days off. The stock market knows it."

The coronavirus has infected around 128,000 people worldwide and killed over 4,700. The death toll in the U.S. climbed to 39, with over 1,300 infections. For most people, the virus causes only mild or moderate symptoms, such as fever and cough. For some, especially older adults and people with existing health problems, it can cause more severe illnesses, including pneumonia. The vast majority of people recover from the virus in a matter of weeks.

The fallout mounted Thursday, as the NCAA canceled its men's and women's basketball tournaments, major league baseball postponed opening day, and Disneyland announced it is shutting down. Even Mount Everest closed. Closer to Wall Street, New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art, Carnegie Hall and the Metropolitan Opera shut their doors, and Broadway theaters planned to go dark.

In a somber prime-time address Wednesday night from the White House, Trump announced the new travel ban as well as measures to extend loans, payroll tax cuts and other financial relief to individuals and businesses hurt by the crisis.

But the travel restrictions represented another heavy blow to the already battered airline and travel industries, and the other measures did not impress Wall Street.

"What markets are waiting for are efforts to contain the virus in a very aggressive way, ways we've seen in other countries," said Nela Richardson, investment strategist at Edward Jones. "Short of that, nibbling around the edges, maybe doing something that can help a firm with a very short-term impact or help an employee, doesn't hurt, but it's not the bull's-eye, and it's not as targeted as the markets would like to see."

Michael McCarthy of CMC Markets said: "The market judgment on that announcement is that it's too little, too late."

The damage was worldwide and eye-popping. Among the big moves:

■ Travel stocks again were among the hardest hit. Norwegian Cruise Line and Royal Caribbean Cruises both lost roughly a third of their value. Another drop for United Airlines put its loss for the year at nearly 58 percent.

■ Oil continued its brutal week, with benchmark U.S. crude at $31.50 per barrel.

■ In Asia, stocks in Thailand and the Philippines fell so fast that trading was temporarily halted. Japan's Nikkei 225 sank 4.4 percent to its lowest close in four years, and South Korea's market lost 3.9 percent.

Also alarming were complaints in recent days by investors that trading in the Treasury market wasn't working well. For reasons that weren't immediately clear, traders said they were seeing surprisingly large gaps in prices being offered by buyers and sellers. That threatened to cause the market to seize up.

In a surprise move, the Fed said it would pump in at least $1.5 trillion to help calm the market and facilitate trading.

After earlier thinking that the virus could remain mostly in China and that any dip in the economy would be followed by a quick rebound, investors are seeing the damage and disruptions mount, with Italy locking itself down, the NBA suspending games and authorities in the U.S. and beyond banning large gatherings and closing schools.

"Anyone who tells you they know how long this is going to last is wrong," said Adam Taback, chief investment officer for Wells Fargo Private Bank. "The uncertainty here is trying to figure out how you get this virus under control, and is that a matter of days, weeks or months."

Census faces challenges as it aims to hire up to 500K

By MIKE SCHNEIDER and ANGELIKI KASTANIS
Associated Press

ORLANDO, Fla. — The U.S. Census Bureau said it has reached its goal of recruiting more than 2.6 million applicants for the once-a-decade head count that launched for most of America this week – but it has been a bumpy road getting there.

The nation's abundance of jobs has complicated the effort, and some rural areas – particularly in New England, Appalachia and some Rocky Mountain states – are falling behind recruitment goals as the agency works to hire up to a half-million temporary workers before May. Falling short could threaten the count in some parts of the country, which in turn could lead to underrepresentation in Congress and less federal funding.

Lynne Sladky / AP

Alex Pereira, of the U.S. Census Bureau, right, talks with job applicants about temporary positions available with the 2020 Census, during a job fair in 2018 designed for people fifty years or older, in Miami.

An analysis by The Associated Press shows how low unemployment has affected the bureau's ability to attract workers, with urban counties, especially large ones, more likely to hit recruitment goals than rural areas.

While the bureau has reached its recruiting goal nationally, hiring has varied widely from place to place. States with populations concentrated in large metro areas – Georgia, Illinois, Maryland and Nevada – have overrecruited. Mostly rural states with high numbers of older residents – Vermont, Maine, New Hampshire and West Virginia – are well below recruitment goals.

If the bureau can't find enough applicants in those areas, "it may have difficulty hiring enough staff to complete upcoming operations, leading to delays, increased costs and eroded data quality," J. Christopher Mihm of the Government Accountability Office said during a congressional hearing last month.

"Recruitment and hiring success in one area may provide little advantage to an area where efforts are lagging," Mihm said. "The census, while a national effort, is implemented locally in communities and neighborhoods across the country."

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Decedent's Estate FILE NO:

2020-0152-DE-R

Estate of: William H. Cronin

Date of Birth: March 11, 1943

TO ALL CREDITORS:

NOTICE TO CREDITORS:

The decedent, William H. Cronin who lived at 4804 East River Road, Buchanan, MI 49107, died November 12, 2019.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to James Cronin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at 811 Port Street, St. Joseph, MI 49085 and the named/proposed personal representative within four months after the date of this publication of this notice.

Date: March 11, 2020
Name: James Cronin
Address: 15028 CR 146
City/State: Syracuse, IN 46567
Phone: (574) 536-0860

Passaro, Kahne, Taylor, DeFrancesco & Thompson Law Offices, P.L.L.C.
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Benton Harbor, MI 49022
Phone: (269) 983-0325

KEELER TOWNSHIP VAN BUREN COUNTY, MICHIGAN OFFICE OF THE CLERK

NOTICE – BUDGET WORKSHOP SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 25, 2020 AT 7:00 p.m.
This will be to finalize the proposed budget for April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021

NOTICE – ANNUAL MEETING ON MARCH 28, 2020 AT 8:00 a.m.
This is our annual meeting to adopt meeting dates for the next year and approve the depository for the funds of Keeler Township.

NOTICE – SPECIAL MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON MARCH 28, 2020 AT 8:30 a.m.
This is the special meeting and public hearing to approve the budget for the fiscal year April 1, 2020 to March 31, 2021.
"THE PROPERTY TAX MILLAGE RATE PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED TO SUPPORT THE PROPOSED BUDDGET WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF THIS HEARING".

Copies of the budget will be available on March 28, 2020 by contacting the Township Clerk.

Carl F. Davis, Clerk
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By EUGENIA LAST

FRIDAY, MARCH 13

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PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Look for an excellent investment that will contribute to your security and ease your mind. A positive approach to life will attract interesting people who have something to offer. Romance is favored.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's time to update your living conditions. Consider your options and look for hidden opportunities or a new environment that will stimulate your mind and get you headed in an exciting direction.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Help a good cause. Your willingness to pitch in will impress someone important. Networking will bring results. Form a partnership with someone who can contribute something you lack.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Finish what you start and ease tension. You can ask for help, but make sure you know exactly who and what you want in your corner. Protect your reputation and don't criticize others or display anger.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Social activity will turn out surprisingly well. A change of scenery will pique your imagination. Visit an establishment you used to frequent. Love and romance are in the stars.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get together with friends or offer help to a deserving organization. If you keep active, you'll feel good about your accomplishments and avoid criticism and complaints.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Mingle, network and promote what's on your agenda. Someone may try to steal your thunder. If you offer facts and figures and present your thoughts with passion, you'll come out on top.

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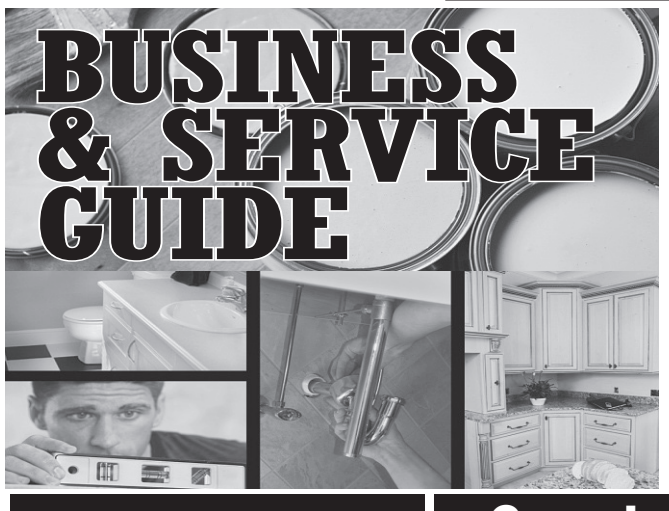

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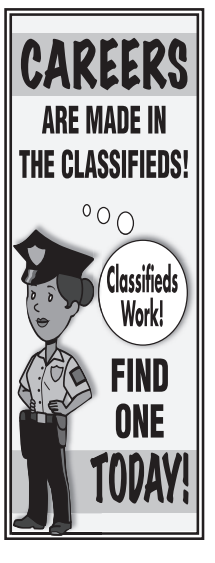

BERRIEN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER
KORANDA DRAIN #282

NOTICE OF MEETING OF
BOARD OF DETERMINATION

DATE: Tuesday, March 24, 2020
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Hagar Township Hall
3900 Riverside Road, Riverside, Michigan 49084
QUESTIONS: (269) 932-0569

A Board of Determination will meet at the above date, time and location to hear all interested persons, receive evidence and determine whether the maintenance and improvement,
as set forth in the petition dated November 1, 2019, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare pursuant to Chapter 8 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.
A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination outlining a brief history of the Drainage District and describing the roles, responsibilities and decisions to be made by the Board of Determination. The presentation is to provide background for landowners and municipalities in the Drainage District and facilitate the dissemination of information and the receipt of testimony of landowners in the Drainage District. The Board of Determination will make its decisions at the end of the meeting.
Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Berrien County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085.
Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner at the number listed above or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.
Anyone aggrieved by the decisions of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review pursuant to MCL 280.72a.
Christopher Quattrin
Berrien County Drain Commissioner

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
PHASE II - 2020 ROOF REPLACEMENT
Blossom Acres
1216 Blossom Lane
Benton Harbor, Michigan
Benton Township Housing Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Housing Commission will receive sealed bids at their office located at 1216 Blossom Lane, Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022 until 1:00 p.m., local time, on April 1, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read out loud for:

Roof replacement at residential units.

Bids are desired for single, lump sum bid as described in the Specifications and Drawings on file and available to contractors during regular working hours starting at 12:00 noon on March 2, 2020, at the offices of Alliance Architects, 929 Lincolnway East, Suite 200, South Bend, Indiana 46601, phone 574-288-2052 and at the office of the Benton Township Housing Commission at the address listed above. Electronic copies of the Plans and Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Architect at info@alliarch.com. Hard copies may be obtained by providing a refundable deposit of one hundred dollars ($100.00) for every set of documents. Deposit shall be made payable to the Benton Township Housing Commission and will be refunded if the Project Manual and Drawings are returned in good, reusable condition within twenty-one (21) days after the date of receiving bids. Failure to observe this condition shall result in the forfeiture of the full amount of bidder's deposit.

PRE-BID SITE VISIT/ACCESSIBILITY

The site is accessible to bidders for examination. All principal contractors and subcontractors are strongly encouraged to visit the site to review the scope of work. Bidders are encouraged to contact the Housing Commission prior to their visit and to check in to the office when they arrive. Site visits should only occur during work hours identified in Section 0101 SUMMARY OF WORK.

The Architect will be on-site to answer questions at 2:30 p.m., March 17, 2020, assembling outside 1216 Blossom Lane, Benton Harbor, Michigan. Interested parties are to call the office of the Architect to confirm (574-288-2052).

Plans and Specifications will also be on file and available for review at the following locations:

Benton Township Housing Commission
1216 Blossom Lane
Benton Harbor, MI 49022

Construction Journal
7261 Engle Road, Suite 101
Cleveland, OH 44130

MACIAF
3215-A Sugar Maple Court
South Bend, IN 46615

CMD Group, LLC
30 Technology Parkway South, Suite 100
Norcross, GA 30092-2912

Builders Exchange of the Kalamazoo Area, Inc.
3431 East Kilgore Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Dodge Data & Analytics
300 American Metro Blvd., Suite 185
Hamilton, NJ 08619

Bids must include a non-collusive affidavit and a bid guarantee made in favor of the Benton Township Housing Commission. Bid guarantees will be returned within 10 days of official bid opening, if requested, except for three (3) selected qualified bidders. The unsuccessful bidders will have their bid guarantee returned after award of contract, if requested. The successful bidder must be fully insured and provide an assurance as required by Instructions to Bidders. Additional bid requirements are outlined in Section 0010 SUPPLEMENTAL INSTRUCTIONS TO BIDDERS.

All contractors and subcontractors must be in compliance with: Equal Opportunity Employment, Executive Order 11246 and Davis-Bacon wage rates as determined by the U.S. Department of Labor and adopted by the Housing Commission and as set forth in the Project Manual. Submission of U.S. Department of Labor payroll forms is required on a weekly basis. Contractors and subcontractors will commit themselves to making a good faith effort to meet the 10% goal of employing minorities and 5% goal of employing women. This publicly-funded project is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968. Refer to Specification pages 0015-11 and 0030-7 for specific Section 3 and MBE/WBE Participation requirements. The contractor shall appoint a company executive to assume the responsibility for the implementation at all requirements, terms and conditions. The Benton Township Housing Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to award the contract to the lowest, responsible and most responsive bidder and to waive any formalities or irregularities in the bids received. No bid shall be withdrawn for a period of 90 days subsequent to the opening of the bids without the consent of the Housing Commission.
Furthermore, the Owner encourages Minority Business Enterprises and Women-Owned Businesses to submit a proposal for this project. Contractors are encouraged to contact www.mmbdc.com to obtain MBE businesses.
The Housing Commission reserves the right to award a contract in the best interest of the Housing Commission.
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Sharon Hester, Executive Director

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BERRIEN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER
WALL DRAIN #539

NOTICE OF MEETING OF
BOARD OF DETERMINATION

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2020
TIME: 2:00 P.M.
LOCATION: Lincoln Charter Township Hall
2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, Michigan 49127
QUESTIONS: (269) 932-0569

A Board of Determination will meet at the above date, time and location to hear all interested persons, receive evidence and determine whether the maintenance and improvement, as set forth in the petition dated July 12, 2018, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare pursuant to Chapter 8 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.
A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination outlining a brief history of the Drainage District and describing the roles, responsibilities and decisions to be made by the Board of Determination. The presentation is to provide background for landowners and municipalities in the Drainage District and facilitate the dissemination of information and the receipt of testimony of landowners in the Drainage District. The Board of Determination will make its decisions at the end of the meeting.
Proceedings conducted at this public meeting will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act. Information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Berrien County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085.
Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner at the number listed above or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.
Anyone aggrieved by the decisions of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review pursuant to MCL 280.72a.
Christopher Quattrin
Berrien County Drain Commissioner

BERRIEN COUNTY DRAIN COMMISSIONER
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NOTICE OF MEETING OF
BOARD OF DETERMINATION

DATE: Thursday, March 26, 2020
TIME: 10:00 A.M.
LOCATION: Lincoln Charter Township Hall
2055 W. John Beers Road, Stevensville, Michigan 49127
QUESTIONS: (269) 932-0569
A Board of Determination will meet at the above date, time and location to hear all interested persons, receive evidence and determine whether proposed consolidation of the Thornton Valley Drain, Mast & Janca Drain, Morris Drain, Decker Drain, Lemon Creek Road Drain, Westphal and Domrose Drain, Westphal & Huston Drain, Stahelin Drain, Stahelin Gast Road Branch Drain, Stama Industrial Park Drain, and Hollis Drain to be known as the Grand Mere Drain, and the consolidation of the Thornton Valley Drain Drainage District, Mast & Janca Drain Drainage District, Morris Drain Drainage District, Decker Drain Drainage District, Lemon Creek Road Drain Drainage District, Westphal and Domrose Drain Drainage District, Westphal & Huston Drain Drainage District, Stahelin Drain Drainage District, Stahelin Gast Road Branch Drain Drainage District, Stama Industrial Park Drain Drainage District, and Hollis Drain Drainage District, to be known as the Grand Mere Drain Drainage District, is conducive to public health, convenience or welfare; and whether the maintenance and improvement of the Grand Mere Drain, as consolidated, is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience, or welfare, as set forth in the petition dated November 12, 2019, pursuant to Chapters 8 and 19 of Public Act 40 of 1956, as amended.
A presentation will be made to the Board of Determination, which outlines a brief history of the Drainage District and describes the roles, responsibilities, and decisions to be made by the Board of Determination. The presentation is to provide background for landowners and municipalities in the Drainage District and facilitate the dissemination of information and the receipt of testimony of landowners in the Drainage District. The Board of Determination will make its decisions at the end of the meeting.
Proceedings conducted at this public hearing will be subject to the provisions of the Michigan Open Meetings Act, and you are further notified that information regarding this meeting may be obtained from the Berrien County Drain Commissioner's Office located at 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan 49085. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact the Drain Commissioner at the number noted above (voice) or through the Michigan Relay Center at 7-1-1 (TDD) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance. Minutes of the meeting will be on file in the Berrien County Drain Commissioner's office.
Anyone aggrieved by the decisions of the Board of Determination may seek judicial review pursuant to MCL 280.72a and MCL 280.197(7).
Christopher Quattrin
Berrien County Drain Commissioner

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